

CONFUSION ON ASYLUM OFFERS

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MOSCOW (AP) — The WikiLeaks secret-spilling site on Tuesday said NSA leaker Edward Snowden has not yet formally accepted asylum in Venezuela, trying to put to rest growing confusion over whether he had taken up the country's offer.



Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro during meeting with businessmen in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, July 9, 2013. The net of rumors and uncertainties over NSA leaker Edward Snowden deepened Tuesday when a prominent Russian lawmaker tweeted that Snowden had accepted Venezuela's offer of political asylum, then deleted the posting a few minutes later.

(AP Photo/Miguel Angulo)

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has offered asylum to Snowden and says his country received a request from the former NSA systems analyst. But Snowden, who is believed to be in a Moscow airport's transit zone, has applied for asylum in other countries as well, and it is not clear how easy it would be for him to travel to the Latin American country.

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STORM FRONT



Chantal barrels towards Dominican Republic, Haiti

This image provided by NASA shows Tropical Storm Chantal. The fast-moving tropical storm raced toward the small islands of the Lesser Antilles on Tuesday, with officials in Dominica already reporting heavy winds that ripped off the roofs of several homes. Chantal threatens to turn into a hurricane as it churns toward the Dominican Republic and Haiti as authorities there and in Puerto Rico warned of possible landslides and heavy flooding.

(AP Photo/NASA)

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Tropical Storm Chantal threatened to turn into a hurricane while it churned toward the Dominican Republic and Haiti as authori-

ties there and in Puerto Rico warned of possible landslides and heavy flooding. The storm was located about 270 miles (440 kilometers) southeast of Puerto Rico around 5 p.m. EDT Tuesday, according to the U.S. National Hurricane

Center in Miami. The storm had maximum sustained winds of 65 mph (100 kph), and was moving west-northwest at 26 mph (43 kph).

The center issued a hurricane watch for the Dominican Republic's southern

coast, with the storm expected to be near or over the country by Wednesday afternoon. Chantal is then expected to be over the southeastern and central Bahamas on Thursday.

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IMF forecasts slower growth in 2013-14

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The International Monetary Fund said Tuesday that it sees slower global growth in 2013 and 2014 than it did just three months ago, citing expectations of a slowdown in key developing countries such as China and Brazil and a more protracted recession in Europe.

The international lending agency released an update of its World Economic Outlook issued in April, projecting the world economy will grow at 3.1 percent this year, down from a 3.3 forecast three months ago. The

has emerged since April. Blanchard noted a clear downward trend in China, Russia, Brazil and India and attributed it to slowdowns in domestic demand and consumption but also to weaker exports because of sluggishness in advanced economies.

China's 2013 forecast was scaled back to 7.8 compared to 8.1 in April. For 2014, it fell to 7.7 from 8.3 percent.

"My impression is the country where there is the largest risk in terms of large decrease in growth is China," said Blanchard.

The IMF said the world's second largest economy

and necessary effort to address structural problems in China's state-dominated economy.

Still China's expected growth of nearly 8 percent annually is still very robust compared to advanced economies.

Another potential drag on global growth is the possibility that the U.S. will start tapering its extraordinary stimulus program of bond-buying. The Fed program — known as quantitative easing — has injected more \$2 trillion into financial markets since late 2008 and kept borrowing costs down.

With markets already anticipating the tapering, the



A man crosses an abnormally empty street in front of the Parliament Building in downtown Bridgetown, as Tropical Storm Chantal began bearing down on the Caribbean island of Barbados, Tuesday, July 9, 2013. Chantal raced toward the small islands of the Lesser Antilles on Tuesday, with officials in Dominica already reporting heavy winds that ripped off the roofs of several homes.

(AP Photo/Chris Brandis)

Chantal barrels towards Dominican Republic, Haiti

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Dominican officials urged those living in low-lying areas to evacuate, but few paid heed.

"We're sure nothing is going to happen," said Geovanny Batista, leader of an impoverished community in the capital of Santo Domingo built largely of wood, cardboard and zinc.

"We can't just go and leave behind our belongings," he said. "Thieves will come and take them."

Officials in Haiti encountered similar resistance despite repeated radio warnings.

Street vendor Marc St. Juste said he was unaware a storm was coming, but upon learning the news, he decided to remain outside a bit, if only to sell a few more snow cones in downtown Port-au-Prince, Haiti's congested capital.

"I'm going to go home as soon as possible," St. Juste said as he pushed his rickety wooden cart topped with frozen ice and colorful syrups. "But I'm still going to stay out to make as many sells as possible."

Chantal could be near hurricane strength before it reaches Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Both countries are vulnerable to flooding and landslides from storms, but widespread deforestation

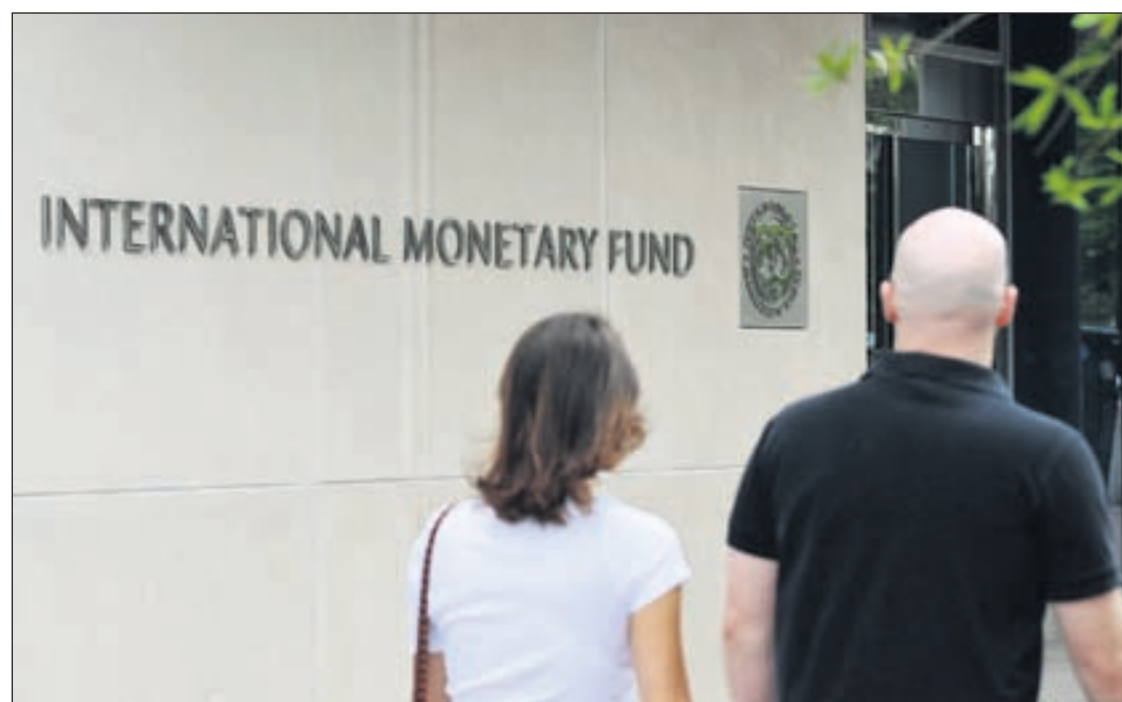
and ramshackle housing in Haiti mean even moderate rains pose a significant threat.

Haiti is already in the middle of its rainy season, with 279,000 people still living in grim settlements that popped up in the capital and elsewhere after the devastating 2010 earthquake.

Meteorologists with AccuWeather also warned that the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico would be hard hit, given that some 13 inches (33 centimeters) of rain already have fallen in the capital of San Juan since June, nearly twice the normal rainfall for that period. "Much of the landscape is primed for excessive runoff and flooding," AccuWeather said.

Chantal was expected to produce rain and strong winds in Puerto Rico, with gusts of up to 60 mph (96 kph) in southern and mountainous areas, Krizia Negrón, meteorologist with the National Weather Service, told The Associated Press. Chantal is expected to pass some 70 miles (113 kilometers) south of Puerto Rico early Wednesday, she said.

At least 17 roads will be closed as a preventive measure in the southern mountainous town of Yauco, where some 30 percent of the population lives under zinc roofs, Mayor Abel Nazario told the AP. □



The headquarters of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC. The IMF said Tuesday that it sees slower global growth in 2013 and 2014 than it did just three months ago.

(AP Photo)

2014 projection was cut to 3.8 percent from 4.0 percent.

"The world economy remains in a three-speed mode," said Olivier Blanchard, IMF director of research. "Emerging markets are still growing rapidly. The U.S. recovery is steady, but much of Europe continues to struggle," he told a news conference in Washington, where the IMF is based. Blanchard said growth almost everywhere is a bit weaker than forecast in April, but downward revisions are particularly noticeable in developing countries.

The IMF said the possibility of a more drawn-out slowdown in developing countries is a new risk that

has become unbalanced with too much investment and too little consumption. That investment, largely financed through China's shadow banking system, has grown rapidly during the global financial crisis of the past few years.

In addition to slowing growth, China is seeing a credit squeeze as it tries to tackle the hazards of looming debts that are not reported on bank balance sheets but lurk throughout the country's murky, still developing financial system. That off-balance-sheet lending, or shadow financing, could threaten financial stability if not reined in. Some experts see the move to crack down on excess leverage as an overdue

IMF said some developing countries are already feeling the effects in the form of falling share prices and depreciating currencies.

A recession in the 17 countries that use the euro currency is shaping up to be deeper than expected, another factor pulling down the forecast, the IMF said. The eurozone is now expected to contract by 0.6 percent this year, compared to the April forecast for a 0.4 percent decline.

"At least in France and to some extent in Germany, there is I think a general lack of confidence in the future, which if it doesn't turn around may end up being partly self-fulfilling, which is worrisome," said Blanchard. □

Confusion on Venezuela offer for Snowden

Continued from Front

It was not possible to immediately reach Alexei Pushkov, the head of the Russian parliament's foreign affairs committee who has acted as an unofficial point man for the Kremlin on the Snowden affair. But soon after the posting on his Twitter account disappeared, he sent another message saying his claim was based on a report from the state all-news television channel Rossiya 24, also known as Vesti.

The channel said Pushkov misunderstood its report on Maduro's comments Monday night during a meeting with Panama's president, which the anchorwoman introduced by saying "Venezuela has finally received an answer" from Snowden.

She then clarified that Maduro said Venezuela had received Snowden's official request and showed a clip of him saying in Russian voiceover that Snowden "should decide when to fly to Caracas, if he indeed has decided to come here."

WikiLeaks, which has been advising Snowden, said Tuesday on Twitter that Snowden had not formally accepted the Venezuelan offer, and that any decision on asylum would be announced by the "states concerned" and "then be confirmed by us."

Pushkov, however, followed up with a third tweet that essentially repeated his initial claim: "As Vesti 24 reported citing Maduro, Snowden accepted his offer of asylum. If this is so, then he considered this the safest option." The Kremlin declined comment on Tuesday's developments. Snowden, who revealed details of a U.S. intelligence program to monitor Internet activity, came to Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport on June 23 and was believed to be headed for Cuba. But he did not board that flight and has not been seen publicly since. □

NTSB:

Flight attendants ejected during Asiana crash

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, California (AP) — Two flight attendants in the back of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 survived despite being thrown onto the runway when the plane slammed into a seawall and lost its tail during a crash landing at San Francisco's airport, the head of

only about halfway through his training on the Boeing 777 and was landing that type of aircraft at the San Francisco airport for the first time ever. And the co-pilot was on his first trip as a flight instructor.

Saturday's crash killed two teenage Chinese girls but remarkably 305 others survived, most with little or no physical injuries. A final de-

asked for more speed after apparently noticing that the jet was flying far slower than its recommended landing speed. A few seconds later, the yoke began to vibrate violently, an automatic warning telling the pilot the plane is losing lift and in imminent danger of an aerodynamic stall. One and a half seconds before impact came a command

"Good communication with the flight crew as well as the flight attendants is something I'm sure they're going to look at closely with this event," he said Tuesday. "Who was making decisions?"

Hall was on the transportation board when a Korean Airlines Boeing 747 crashed in Guam in 1997, an accident investigators blamed



Investigator in Charge Bill English, foreground, and NTSB Chairwoman Deborah Hersman discuss the progress of the investigation into the crash of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 in San Francisco, Tuesday, July 9, 2013. The Asiana flight crashed upon landing Saturday, July 6, at San Francisco International Airport, and two of the 307 passengers aboard were killed.

(AP Photo/NTSB)

the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday. Chairwoman Deborah Hersman also revealed that the pilots told investigators they were relying on automated cockpit equipment to control their speed during final approach, which prompts questions about whether a mistake was made in programming the "autothrottle" or if the equipment malfunctioned. The South Korean airline's plane crashed when it came in too low and slow for landing. Hersman said the pilot at the controls was

termination on the cause of the crash is months away and Hersman cautioned against drawing any conclusions based on the information revealed so far.

Audio recordings show pilots tried to correct the plane's speed and elevation only until seconds before hitting the seawall at the end of the runway, a calamitous impact that sent the fuselage bouncing and skidding across the airfield.

Here is what is known: Seven seconds before impact, someone in the cockpit

to abort the landing.

The plane's airspeed has emerged as a key question mark in the investigation. All aircraft have minimum safe flying speeds that must be maintained or pilots risk a stall, which robs a plane of the lift it needs to stay airborne. Below those speeds, planes become unmaneuverable. Because pilots, not the control tower, are responsible for the approach and landing, former NTSB Chairman James Hall said, the cockpit communications will be key to figuring out what went wrong.

in part on an authoritarian cockpit culture that made newer pilots reluctant to challenge captains.

Since then, the industry has adopted broad training and requirements for crew resource management, a communications system or philosophy airline pilots are taught in part so that pilots who not at the controls feel free to voice any safety concerns or correct any unsafe behavior, even if it means challenging a more senior pilot or saying something that might give offense. □

Nominee for FBI Director appears before Senate panel



James Comey, President Barack Obama's nominee to be the next FBI director, at the start of his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, July 9, 2013. Comey was a former hedge fund executive who served as a senior Justice Department official under President George W. Bush. (Christopher Gregory/The New York Times)

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WASHINGTON - James B. Comey, President Barack Obama's nominee for FBI director, said Tuesday that although he authorized the use of waterboarding when he was a deputy attorney general under President George W. Bush, he believes that the technique is torture and illegal. "When I first learned about waterboarding when I became deputy attorney general, my reaction as a citizen and a leader was, this is torture," Comey said in testimony during a confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee. "It's still what I think."

But Comey, who was the deputy attorney general from 2003 to 2005 under Bush and whose job was to review the government's legal opinions, said the question of whether waterboarding was legal was hard to determine because the government's statute was vague. He said that despite believing it was legal at the time, he urged the administration to stop using the tactic. "And so I made that argument as forcefully as I could to the attorney general," Comey said. "He took my - actually literally took my notes with him to a meeting at the White House and told me he made my argument in full and that the principals were fully on board with the policy, and so my argument was rejected." Comey's nomination has received strong bipartisan support, but some Democrats and civil liberty groups have raised questions about his role in the Bush administration.

In particular, two senior Democratic senators, Richard J. Durbin of Illinois and Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island, raised concerns last week about how Comey approved the use of "enhanced interrogation techniques" that included waterboarding. In testimony before the same Senate committee five years ago, Comey distinguished himself from many members of the Bush

administration - and significantly raised his national profile - with testimony that was perceived as repudiating government surveillance programs.

At a hearing about the Justice Department's firings of several U.S. attorneys, Comey riveted the senators by testifying about a 2004 episode in which he believed that senior Bush administration officials tried to persuade his ailing boss, Attorney General John Ashcroft, to sign off on an illegal data-collection program.

Comey said Ashcroft, who was in the hospital, had signed his powers over to him. But Bush's chief of staff and White House counsel, he said, went to Ashcroft's hospital room and asked him to sign off on an NSA program that was collecting Internet data on Americans. Comey, who said he had been tipped off that the White House officials were headed to the hospital, testified that he confronted them. The program was halted soon after. After his testimony, Comey was widely credited with putting the law over political concerns. But senior Bush administration officials said that although Comey's objections halted the program, it was later resumed under a similar legal framework and with few procedural changes. Comey did not provide new details about the incident Tuesday but did defend the use of surveillance programs to identify terrorists. "I do know as a general matter that the collection of metadata and analysis of metadata is a valuable tool in counterterrorism," he said. When Obama nominated Comey as FBI director, Bush administration officials and civil liberty groups raised questions about whether he was truly skeptical of government surveillance programs. They have pointed to the other surveillance programs that Comey supported - like wiretapping without warrants - as examples of how he is comfortable with an array of controversial programs. □

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Expert says evidence jibes with Zimmerman's story



Dr. Vincent DiMaio, a forensic pathologist and gunshot wound expert, describes George Zimmerman's injuries during Zimmerman's trial in Seminole Circuit Court, in Sanford, Fla., Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

(AP Photo/Joe Burbank)

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SANFORD, Florida (AP)—An expert on gunshot wounds hired by the defense testified Tuesday that a neighborhood watch volunteer's account of how he fatally shot an unarmed black teen is consistent with the forensic evidence.

Dr. Vincent Di Maio said that the trajectory of the bullet and gun powder on Trayvon Martin's body support George Zimmerman's version that Martin was on top of him when Zimmerman fired his gun into Martin's chest. The gun's muzzle was against Martin's clothing and it was anywhere from two to four inches from Martin's skin, he said.

"This is consistent with Mr. Zimmerman's account that Mr. Martin was over him, leaning forward at the time he was shot," said Di Maio, the former chief medical examiner in San Antonio. The pathologist also said it was likely Martin was conscious for 10 to 15 seconds after the shooting as a reserve supply of oxygen ran out of his body, and during that time it was possible for him to have moved his arms. Zimmerman's account that he had placed Martin's arms out to his sides after the shooting

contradicts a photo taken after the shooting that shows Martin's arms under his body. Defense attorneys contend Martin moved his arms.

Di Maio testified that lacerations to the back Zimmerman's head were consistent with his head striking a concrete sidewalk. Later, when looking at photos of Zimmerman's injuries taken the night of the shooting, Di Maio identified six separate impacts to Zimmerman's face and head. He said a nose injury could have come from being punched.

Di Maio also explained that if clothes taken into evidence are wet and packaged in plastic bags, and not paper bags, it can ruin the samples since "bacteria multiplies and you get mold and it stinks to high heaven." Defense attorneys believe DNA evidence found on Martin's hooded sweatshirt and undershirt was degraded since the clothing wasn't packaged properly.

Earlier in the morning, Judge Debra Nelson considered prosecutors' request to bar the defense from showing animation depicting the fight between Martin and Zimmerman. Nelson held an evidence hearing with jurors out of the courtroom, but

ultimately postponed her decision and more arguments on the matter until later in the afternoon.

Prosecutors object to the animation, saying it isn't an accurate depiction.

Defense attorneys called the man who created the animation to testify. To recreate the fight, Daniel Schumaker went to the crime scene and had employees in motion-capture suits re-enact what happened based on coroner photographs, police reports, the coroner's report, witness depositions and photos taken by responding police officers, he said. The fight took place on a dark, rainy night in February 2012 and there were no eyewitnesses who saw the entire fight. □

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Women in US kidnap case thank public for support

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CLEVELAND (AP) — The three women allegedly held captive in a U.S. home for a decade were stylish and smiling as they offered thanks in a YouTube video for the emotional and financial support they've received since going "through hell and back."

And from Michelle Knight, 32, who wasn't a familiar face on a milk carton around town like the other two, came a sometimes halting yet defiant reading of a statement.

"I may have been through hell and back, but I am strong enough to walk through hell with a smile on my face and with my head held high," said Michelle Knight, 32.

The video was posted at midnight Monday.



Images from the video provided by Hennes Paynter Communications shows from left: Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight. The three women held captive in a Cleveland home for a decade broke their public silence in a 3-minute, 30-second video posted on YouTube at midnight Monday July 8, 2013.

(AP Photo/Hennes Paynter Communications)

Knight, 27-year-old Amanda Berry and 23-year-old Gina DeJesus have appealed for privacy since they were rescued in May when Berry broke through a door and yelled to neighbors for help.

The women had disappeared separately between 2002 and 2004, when they were 14, 16, and

20 years old. The owner of the home where they were found, 52-year-old former bus driver Ariel Castro, was arrested and has pleaded not guilty to an indictment alleging he kidnapped them off the streets and held them captive.

In the video, none of the women had any visible scars of the abuse they

said they suffered. Castro fathered a 6-year-old daughter with Berry and is accused of starving and punching Knight, causing her to miscarry.

"I am getting stronger each day," Berry said. "Having my privacy has helped immensely."

Castro's trial is scheduled for next month, but that

could be delayed if the defense asks for more preparation time. Last week a judge rejected Castro's request to see Berry's child.

Castro's lawyers did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment on the video and on whether they were concerned it might bias jurors. □

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Fort Hood:

6 dismissed in 1st day of murder trial

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FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — The Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage declined to ask potential jurors any questions Tuesday as jury selection finally began in his long-awaited murder trial.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, who is serving as his own attorney, didn't take notes or confer with his former defense attorneys who will help if he asks. During the nearly two-hour proceeding with the first group of 20 potential jurors, Hasan sat quietly in his wheelchair as the judge gave preliminary instructions and read about 300 witness names to find out if any of the Army officers knew them.

Hasan, 42, an American-born Muslim, faces execution or life in prison without parole if convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder. Maj. Larry Downend, one of the prosecutors, asked the group if they agreed that the defendant's choice of weapon and a motive could show premeditation. Everyone in the group nodded yes. All officers indicated they had no moral opposition to imposing a death sentence, but also said they didn't believe execution was the only punishment for someone convicted of premeditated murder.

After the group from Army posts nationwide was questioned by the judge and

prosecutors, Hasan said he had no questions for the jury pool.

Six potential jurors were dismissed at prosecutors' request, based on some of their answers in court Tuesday and to the lengthy jury questionnaires they turned in weeks ago. One officer said he knew one of the 13 killed on Nov. 5, 2009.

The judge, Col. Tara Osborn, told the group that Hasan was wearing a camouflage uniform worn by troops in combat instead of a dress uniform — usually worn by defendants in a court-martial — because it better meets his health-related needs as a paraplegic. Hasan was paralyzed from the abdomen down after being shot by police the day of the rampage. □



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US Financial Front:

Federal regulators propose stricter rule for 8 big banks

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators took a step Tuesday toward making eight of the largest U.S. banks meet a stricter measure of health to reduce the threat they pose to the financial system.

The Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency proposed that those banks increase their ratio of equity to loans and other assets from 3 percent to 5 percent. In addition, the banks' deposit-holding subsidiaries would have to increase that ratio to 6 percent.

If adopted, the rule would take effect in 2018. It would apply to U.S. banks considered so big and interconnected that each could threaten the global financial system: Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Morgan Stanley, Bank of New York Mellon and State Street Bank. Hundreds of U.S. banks received federal bailouts during the financial crisis that struck in 2008 and triggered the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s. The list included America's largest financial firms, including all eight banks that will be subject to the rule proposed Tuesday.

Regulators said the rule was intended to minimize the need for future bank bailouts. It was mandated by Congress in the 2010 financial overhaul, which was drafted in response to the crisis.

The rule would help create "a stronger, more resilient industry, better able to withstand environments

of stress in the future," FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg said before the FDIC board voted 5-0 to propose the rule and put it out for public comment 90 days. A final vote will be taken some time after that, possibly with changes.

The rule was written jointly with the Fed and the Comptroller's Office, a Treasury Department agency.

The deposits held by the banks' subsidiaries are insured by the government. So the subsidiaries are subject to a stricter ratio requirement. Equity includes money banks receive when they issue stock, as well as profits they have retained.

The agencies estimate that the banks' parent companies would have needed to increase their capital a total of about \$63 billion to meet the requirement, if it had been in place in September. The deposit-taking subsidiaries would have needed an additional total of \$89 billion, according to the estimates.

Nearly all eight banks will meet the 5 percent equity requirement by 2017, the regulators said.

The rule was the first of four mentioned last week by Daniel Tarullo, a Fed governor, targeting the eight large banks.

Tarullo said the goal is to build buffers strong enough to withstand financial stress and avoid another crisis in which taxpayers would have to bail them out. Many critics worry that the largest banks still represent a danger to the financial system.

Two members of the Senate Banking Committee, Democrat Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Louisiana

Republican David Vitter, called the regulators' action Tuesday "a major step in the right direction of higher capital standards." Brown and Vitter have proposed legislation that would, among other things,

impose even stricter capital requirements on the largest banks.

The regulators' move follows action the Fed took last week to increase the capital all large banks must hold as a cushion against

risk. The FDIC and the Comptroller's Office adopted that rule Tuesday. It would require the banks to maintain high-quality capital equal to 4.5 percent of their loans and other assets. □



Cars and pedestrians pass a Bank of America branch in New York City. Federal regulators took a step Tuesday, July 9, 2013, toward making eight of the largest U.S. banks meet a stricter measure of health to reduce the threat they pose to the financial system. If adopted, the rule would take effect in 2018.

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Car bomb rocks Hezbollah stronghold in Lebanon

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BEIRUT (AP) — A powerful car bomb exploded in a Hezbollah stronghold in the southern suburbs of Beirut on Tuesday, wounding at least 53 people in the most troubling sign yet that Syria's civil war is beginning to consume its smaller neighbor.

The blast in the heart of the Shiite militant group's bastion of support raised the worrying specter of Lebanon being pulled into the violent Sunni-Shiite struggle in the region, with sectarian killings similar to those plaguing Syria and Iraq. The Syrian conflict, now in its third year, is whipping up sectarian fervor. Sunni-Shiite tensions have

risen sharply, particularly since Hezbollah raised its profile by openly fighting alongside President Bashar Assad's forces. Lebanese

Sunnis support the rebels fighting to topple Assad. While there was no immediate claim of responsibility, there have been growing



Security forces stand at the scene of a bombing in the Beir el-Abed, a southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon, Tuesday, July 9, 2013. A large explosion rocked a stronghold of the Shiite militant Hezbollah group south of the Lebanese capital Tuesday, setting several cars on fire, sending a thick plume of black smoke billowing into the sky and wounding more than a dozen people, security officials said.

(AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

fears in Lebanon that Hezbollah could face retaliation for its now overt role fighting alongside Assad's troops.

The group's fighters played a key role in a recent regime victory to retake control of the strategic town of Qusair, near the Lebanese border, where rebels held sway for more than a year. Syrian activists say Hezbollah fighters are now aiding a regime offensive in the besieged city of Homs. Syria-based rebels and militant Islamist groups have threatened to target Hezbollah strongholds in Lebanon in retaliation.

The U.N. Security Council strongly condemned the terrorist attack, underlined the need to bring the perpetrators to justice, and appealed to the Lebanese people "to preserve national unity in the face of attempts to undermine the country's stability."

The car bomb struck a bustling commercial and residential neighborhood in Beir el-Abed, an area of particularly strong Hezbollah support, as many Lebanese Shiites began observing the holy month of Ramadan. The blast went off in a parking lot near the Islamic Coop, a supermarket usually packed with shoppers.

"The explosion was so strong I thought it was an Israeli air raid," said Mohammad al-Zein, who lives near the blast site. "My wife was sleeping in bed and all the glass fell on her, injuring her in the mouth, arms and legs."

Beir el-Abed is only few hundred yards (meters) from what is known as Hezbollah's "security square," where many of the party's officials live and have offices.

It was heavily bombed by

Israeli warplanes during the monthlong war between Israel and Hezbollah in 2006. The area, where Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah once received dignitaries before the 2006 war, was completely destroyed by Israeli airstrikes. He has since gone underground, only rarely appearing in public and never for more than a few minutes, fearing Israeli assassination.

Tuesday's attack inflamed long-simmering tensions in Lebanon, where deadly clashes between Shiites and Sunnis have grown increasingly common as the civil war in Syria has taken on ever darker sectarian overtones.

Some Sunnis in Lebanon, many of whom support Syria's rebels, have expressed resentment over what they see as Hezbollah's unchecked power in the country.

The anger was clear among residents of Dahyeh, Hezbollah's stronghold in Beirut's southern suburbs. At the scene of the explosion, some cursed Sunni politicians and Syrian rebels, calling them Israeli agents.

With smoke still hanging in the air, about 100 outraged Hezbollah supporters stormed through the area, carrying posters of Nasrallah and chanting sectarian slogans.

"Shiite blood is boiling!" they shouted as dozens of Hezbollah operatives wearing red caps and holding radios kept watch.

At one point, the Hezbollah agents fired in the air to disperse protesters pelting the interior minister with stones after he inspected the scene of the blast, trapping him for 45 minutes in a building before he was escorted through a backdoor. □



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Egypt pushes transition, names new Prime Minister

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's military-backed interim leader named a new prime minister and won \$8 billion in promises of aid from wealthy Arab allies in the Gulf on Tuesday in moves aimed at stabilizing a political transition less than a week after the army deposed the Islamist president. The armed forces warned political factions that "maneuvering" must not hold up its ambitious fast-track timetable for new elections next year. The sharp message underlined how strongly the military is shepherding the process, even as liberal reform movements that backed its removal of Mohammed Morsi complained that now they are not being consulted in decision-making. The Muslim Brotherhood denounced the transition plan, vowing to continue its street protests until ousted Morsi, the country's first freely elected president, is returned to power. The appointment of economist Hazem el-Beblawi as prime minister, along with the setting of the accelerated timetable, underlined the military's determination to push ahead in the face of Islamist opposition and outrage over the killing of more than 50 Morsi supporters on Monday. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates provided a welcome boost for the new leadership. The two countries, both opponents of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, celebrated his ouster by showering the cash-strapped Egyptian government with promises of \$8 billion in grants, loans and badly needed gas and oil. In doing so, they are effectively stepping in for

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Morsi's Gulf patron, Qatar, a close ally of the Brotherhood that gave his government several billion in aid. During Morsi's year in office as Egypt's first freely elected president, he and his officials toured multiple countries seeking cash to prop up rapidly draining foreign currency reserves and plug mounting deficits — at times getting a cold shoulder. The developments underlined the pressures on the new leadership even with the country still in turmoil after what Morsi's supporters have called a coup against democracy. The military faces calls, from the U.S. and Western allies in particular, to show that civilians are in charge and Egypt is on a path toward a democratically based leadership. The nascent government will soon face demands that it tackle economic woes that mounted under Morsi, including fuel shortages, electricity cutoffs and inflation. White House spokesman Jay Carney said Washington is "cautiously encouraged" by the announcement of a plan to return to democratically elected government. Still, several groups in the loose coalition participating in the political process were angered over the transition plan issued Monday by interim President Adly Mansour. His declaration set out a 7-month timetable for elections but also a truncated, temporary constitution laying out the division of powers in the meantime. The top liberal political grouping, the National Salvation Front, rejected the plan late Tuesday. It said it was not consulted — "in violation of previous promises" — and that the dec-

laration "lacks significant clauses while others need

change or removal." It did not elaborate but said it

had presented Mansour with changes it seeks. □



Interim President Adly Mansour, right, meets with Hazem el-Beblawi, left, in Cairo, Egypt, Tuesday, July 9, 2013. The spokesman of Egypt's interim president says a prominent economist, Hazem el-Beblawi, has been named prime minister and pro-democracy leader Mohamed ElBaradei as a vice-president. (AP Photo/Egyptian Presidency)



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More questions:

UK lawmakers to recall Murdoch

RAPHAEL SATTER
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Rupert Murdoch “welcomes” the chance to reappear before British lawmakers to answer questions about a leaked recording in which he appeared to dismiss evidence of wrongdoing at his U.K. newspaper titles, News Corp. said Tuesday. The recording — obtained by the ExaroNews website and broadcast on Britain’s Channel 4 — caught Murdoch describing the allegations against his journalists as “next to nothing,” boasting that his lawyers were refusing to actively cooperate with investigators, and speaking dismissively about accusations of bribery leveled against his newspaper empire.

“We’re talking about payments for news tips from cops,” he was quoted as saying. “That’s been going on a hundred years.”

John Whittingdale, who chairs the House of Commons’ Culture, Media and Sport Committee, said his colleagues voted Tuesday to recall Murdoch for questions over the recording. In a brief telephone interview, Whittingdale said the committee’s letter inviting Murdoch back had not yet been sent and that he could not provide any details on when the mogul would be asked to reappear.

Mudoch’s company said he “welcomes the opportunity” to answer further questions.

“He looks forward to clearing up any misconceptions as soon as possible,” News Corp. said in a statement. The recording — allegedly made secretly when Murdoch addressed staffers

from The Sun newspaper back in March — made waves in Britain because it appeared to be at odds with Murdoch’s vigorous public condemnations of illegal behavior at his

ing, and the use of private investigators have led to the arrests, resignations, or prosecutions of dozens of journalists, executives, and other employees. Murdoch was forced to close his top-



Rupert Murdoch, left, Chairman and CEO of News Corporation, greets David Stern, of the National Basketball Association, right, while Lachlan Murdoch, rear, son of Rupert Murdoch, looks on arrives at the Allen & Company Sun Valley Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho, Tuesday, July 9, 2012.

(AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)

newspaper titles. When Murdoch last appeared before parliamentary committee members, just after the scandal over phone hacking broke two years ago, he struck an apologetic tone, saying the appearance was “the most humble day of my life.” Hacking phones or corrupting police officers to win scoops was “totally wrong,” he told lawmakers at the time. “There is no excuse for breaking the law at any time.”

News UK — until recently known as News International — has been in crisis ever since the scandal exploded.

A slew of police and parliamentary investigations into voicemail interception, bribery, computer hack-

selling Sunday tabloid, the News of the World, shortly after the scandal broke, and morale at its sister paper, The Sun, has been battered by bribery charges leveled against some of its most senior editors.

In the recording, Murdoch appears to promise his staffers he’ll look after them no matter what.

“I will do everything in my power to give you total support, even if you’re convicted and get six months or whatever,” he was quoted as saying. “What you’re asking is, what happens if some of you are proven guilty? What afterwards? I’m not allowed to promise you ... I’ve got to be careful what comes out — but frankly, I won’t say it, but just trust me.” □

Berlusconi allies cry foul over appeal

ROME (AP) — Silvio Berlusconi’s lawyers and allies cried foul Tuesday after Italy’s highest court set a remarkably quick July 30 hearing date for his tax fraud appeal — an apparently accelerated calendar aimed at preventing the statute of limitations from expiring on one of the charges.

The Court of Cassation set the date as soon as Berlusconi’s lawyers deposited their appeal Tuesday, an almost unheard of quick turnaround for Italy’s notoriously slow justice system. The stakes of the ruling are incredibly high for Berlusconi, who has dodged legal woes for much of his two decades in politics but now

faces the specter of being barred from holding public office for five years if his sentence is upheld.

In May, an appeals court in Milan upheld Berlusconi’s tax fraud conviction and four-year prison sentence. He was convicted in a scheme that involved inflating the price his Mediaset media empire paid for TV rights to U.S. movies and pocketing the difference. Berlusconi has said he did nothing wrong and has accused Milan magistrates of pursuing politically motivated cases against him.

The stakes of the appeal are also high for Italy: Berlusconi’s support of Premier Enrico Letta’s government is crucial to its survival. □

US diplomat to lead new Belfast talks

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DUBLIN (AP) — An American diplomat with hands-on experience of the Northern Ireland conflict will oversee a new round of Belfast talks aimed at tackling the most entrenched issues still dividing Irish Catholics and British Protestants, the territory’s unity government announced Tuesday. Richard Haass, who was President George W. Bush’s envoy to Northern Ireland in 2001-03, has been appointed to lead multiparty talks aimed at brokering compromises on a long list of deadlocks that proved too difficult for the Good Friday peace agreement of 1998.

Agreement this time also looks like a tall order. Points of dispute include Catholic opposition to Protestant marches, the most fundamental trigger point for Northern Ireland violence; the contested rights of both sides to fly their preferred British and Irish flags,

an argument that sparked Protestant street blockades and clashes with police throughout December and January; and the question of how to honor and bring justice for the 3,700 dead from a nearly 45-year-old conflict.

Haass, 61, last represented the United States in Belfast negotiations at a time when the central achievement of the Good Friday pact — a cross-community government for Northern Ireland — crumbled and fell amid Protestant demands for the outlawed Provisional Irish Republican Army to disarm as part of the Good Friday deal.

Power-sharing collapsed in 2002 but was revived five years later after the Provisional IRA did disarm and formally abandon its campaign to force Northern Ireland out of the United Kingdom.

Haass was the U.S. State Department’s director of policy planning until 2003. □

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Latvia gets formal go-ahead to use euro currency



Latvian Prime Minister Valdis Dombrovskis addresses the media on the adoption of the euro, at the European Council building in Brussels, Tuesday, July 9, 2013. European finance ministers are welcoming Latvia's upcoming adoption of the euro currency as a bright spot of progress amid the wider economic gloom.

(AP Photo/Yves Logghe)

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The euro may stand for precarious economic rescues for some, but Latvia said Tuesday that it hoped joining the single currency would bring investment and development.

At a meeting in Brussels, European Union finance ministers officially agreed to make the Baltic state the 18th member of the eurozone currency union, at a time when many of its partners are struggling with low growth and high unemployment. Latvia will start using the new currency on Jan. 1, 2014.

"It's very symbolic," said Latvian Finance Minister, Andris Vilks. "We are completing our integration into core Europe."

U.S. ratings agency Fitch welcomed the decision, upgrading Latvia's long-term credit rating one notch from BBB to BBB+.

Once it has joined the eurozone, Latvia's economy would be the third-smallest of the group, larger only than those of Cyprus and Malta. With annual output of about 22.3 billion euros (\$29 billion), it would account for just 0.2 percent of the overall eurozone economy.

Latvia's prime minister, Valdis Dombrovskis, added

that the moment wasn't just about symbolism: He said the euro would reduce currency conversion costs for the tiny country, attract foreign investment and bring more development. He noted that 70 percent of Latvia's foreign trade is already done in euros.

European finance ministers and officials brushed aside concerns that it might be difficult to enlarge the eurozone while the region struggles to support cash-strapped members.

"Those countries that take care of their sustainable economic development

by avoiding excessive macroeconomic imbalances or unsustainable public finances, they do succeed and benefit from euro membership," said Olli Rehn, the EU's economic and monetary affairs commissioner.

Irish Finance Minister Michael Noonan called Latvia's adoption of the euro — along with Croatia's recent joining of the EU — "absolutely amazing when you pull back from the day-to-day workings of the crisis." But not many Latvians see it that way; polls suggest that less than half

the population supports the move — not unsurprising after several years of crisis that has seen Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Cyprus all receive bailouts and raised questions about the very survival of the currency. Dombrovskis said he was confident that a majority of Latvians would be behind the euro by the time it enters into circulation, saying that the government was currently conducting a massive information campaign to explain both the reasons behind the move and the practicalities of it. □

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Russia's culture ministry fires Bolshoi Theater chief

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — The chief of Moscow's Bolshoi Theater was fired Tuesday after months of infighting following an acid attack on its artistic director that has stained the reputation of one of the legendary names in world ballet. The departure of Anatoly Iksanov, the theater's director general, comes just a few weeks after the ouster of his rival, principal dancer Nikolai Tsiskaridze. Both men have enjoyed the backing of senior government officials and Kremlin-connected tycoons, and their successive dismissals appear to reflect high-level intrigue and score-settling. Russian Culture Minister Vladimir Medinsky said only that the 61-year old Iksanov, who led the Bolshoi for nearly 13 years, was dismissed because of a "difficult situation at the theater." He told a news conference that the head of Moscow's No. 2 ballet company, the Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Music The-

ater, would succeed Iksanov.

The Bolshoi has been shrouded in scandal for years but a fierce conflict erupted in January after an assailant threw acid into the face of Bolshoi artistic director Sergei Filin. After numerous eye and facial surgeries, Filin has remained at a German clinic where doctors are trying to save his vision. The Bolshoi has named an acting artistic director.

Iksanov accused Tsiskaridze of creating an atmosphere of discord that set the scene for the attack. The 39-year-old dancer rejected the claims and argued that the theater has plunged into crime and violence under Iksanov's watch.

Iksanov managed to cling to his job for months despite fierce attacks from Tsiskaridze. He seemed even to have won the battle when Tsiskaridze was forced out after his contract expired on July 1.

But Alexei Pushkov, a powerful Kremlin-connected lawmaker, suggested that a high-level power strug-

gle was under way when he tweeted that Tsiskaridze's dismissal was "the last straw" that led to Iksanov's ouster. He added that an ex-culture minister who has

trichenko on suspicion of involvement in the acid attack. Dmitrichenko admitted that he had agreed to an offer from an acquaintance to rough up Filin, but

Tsiskaridze, signed an open letter claiming that Dmitrichenko had slandered himself under police pressure.

Dmitrichenko has remained in custody pending trial.

The Bolshoi has served as a top symbol of the nation's artistic achievements since the czars. Its annual budget stands at an impressive \$120 million, 10 times more than a decade ago.

The Bolshoi reopened in 2011 after a \$1 billion renovation. Despite the lavish sum, some of the work was of poor quality, with cracks appearing in the walls and gold leaf crumbling away.

Tsiskaridze has accused Iksanov of mismanaging the reconstruction, ruining its repertoire and abusing dancers' rights. Iksanov and his backers have dismissed the criticism.

Some said that a recent conflict involving prima ballerina Svetlana Zakharova may have contributed to Iksanov's downfall. Last week, Zakharova refused to dance in Eugene Onegin following a rift over parts with the management. □



In this photo made available by The Bolshoi Theater, newly appointed director general of the Bolshoi Theater Vladimir Urin, left, and former director general Anatoly Iksanov talk at a news conference at the theater in Moscow, Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

(AP Photo/The Bolshoi Theater, Damir Yusupov)

been Iksanov's patron is trying to prevent Tsiskaridze's return to the theater.

The decision to purge both men also appears to reflect the Kremlin's dismay over the infighting that has dented the nation's prestige.

In March, police arrested Bolshoi soloist Pavel Dmi-

trichenko on suspicion of involvement in the acid attack. Dmitrichenko admitted that he had agreed to an offer from an acquaintance to rough up Filin, but

he insisted that the man had used acid on his own initiative. Despite Dmitrichenko's confession, many in the ballet company have stood by him, saying they do not believe him capable of staging such a crime. About 300 dancers and staff, led by

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The winner was Abel Castro from the Landscaping Department.

The nominees for Supervisor of the Second Quarter for Divi/Dutch & Golf were: Patrick Lampe from the Divi Golf Kitchen Department, Sharenda Clarinda from the Human Resources Department and Tatiana Gonzalez from the Divi Village Housekeeping Department.

The winner was Sharenda Clarinda from the Human Resources Department.

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The winner was Helen Polcarpio from Divi Bar.

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Celebrating their 5th Anniversary were: Antonio Barret from Divi Kitchen, Fernando Figaroa from Tamarijn Kitchen, Carolina Dirksz from Activities, Vivian Dania from Activities, Xiomara Dirksz from Activities, Catalina Ridderstap



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place in the standings and held his own finishing with 33 stableford points placing him in third place in the overall standings and was awarded a HUMIDOR of Fine Cigars. Second Place in the Overall Standings was young Matthew Brinkman who was playing very well up until the final two holes in the final round, where a bogey on the 17th and doubling the 18th took the Championship out of his reach finishing behind by only two points.



This Year's Champion Maurice DeLisle a past Champion in the Heritage Cup leapfrogged over the top four leaders by shooting a -1 par round earning him 38 stableford points and the title. DeLisle located one group ahead of the leaders was playing with an

easier mind set compared to the others battling neck and neck. After 9 holes the two young players Brinkman & DeLisle were tied,

be a champion." Williamson concludes. During the final event fireworks seemed to be set off the 12th & 18th hole



in fact up not till the 14th hole the hardest hole on Tierra del Sol Golf Course, the two were still neck and neck, until DeLisle birdies it to break way and give him a two show cushion. "It was an incredible day of golf." Head Golf Professional Adam Williamson expressed. "DeLisle and Brinkman both playing very well all day, seems as though experience may have won the title as Maurice does have a bit more experience than Matthew in these situations. I am happy for the both of them they played great and as in all sports only one can

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It was a competition on high level and the athletes knew how to give a good battle. In Junior U17 were a total of 23 windsurfers from 6 different countries including Holland, Italy, Turkey, Curaçao, France and Bonaire. Bonaire competed for the world championship, with Gunther Seraus Jr. taking 6th place and Jurgen Saragoza taking 2nd place.

Result in Junior U17: 1st place Coen Swijnenburg from Holland, 2nd place Jurgen Saragoza from Bonaire and 3rd place Aron Etmon from Curaçao. In this division Jurgen Saragoza was competing at his outmost against Holland and Curaçao.

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Judin Leonid from Serbia and 3rd place Osman Catirlia from Turkey.

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Spectators on a tank watch as the pack passes the Special Military School of Saint-Cyr near Guer during the tenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 197 kilometers (123.1 miles) with start in Saint-Gildas-des-Bois and finish in Saint-Malo, Brittany region, western France, Tuesday July 9 2013.

(AP Photo/Laurent Cipriani)

Sprinters get physical in Stage 10 of Tour de France

JOHN LEICESTER
AP Sports Writer

SAINT-MALO, France (AP)

— Hitting the asphalt at something like 60 kilometers (40 miles) per hour flayed off a patch of skin from Tom Veelers' right thigh. Blood snaked down his leg from his sliced-up right knee. His white jersey was torn and soiled.

"Bruised and scratched from all sides," said the big Dutchman when asked how he felt. "But ... yeah, OK." In short, Stage 10 was another day at the office for the charging-bull sprinters of the Tour de France. Chris Froome, the race leader, isn't a sprinter. The

Briton was just relieved to survive unscathed all the pushing and shoving on two wheels. The "worst nightmare," he said, for riders like him — lighter, less muscular and with eyes fixed on reaching the podium in Paris on July 21 — is to be felled by crashes like the one that floored Veelers on Tuesday in Saint-Malo. The fall came in the shadow of the Brittany port's crenelated fortified walls, with spectators crammed cheek by jowl like oysters in crates.

"Every day you get through with the yellow jersey is a blessing," Froome said. "So I'm happy just to tick that

one off." Veelers' job is to help launch his teammate, sprinter Marcel Kittel, in the final mad dash for the line. He did that just fine on Tuesday, because Kittel won — becoming the first rider at this 100th Tour to win two stages, having also won Stage 1.

As Kittel sprinted away, rival Mark Cavendish hared after the German. In doing so, Cavendish's left arm barged into Veelers' right arm. Because both were riding at such speed, the contact was enough to tip the Dutch rider over.

"Marcel went all the way left and Cavendish dived to the left, I think to try to

follow Marcel," Veelers explained after he picked himself up, climbed back on his bike and rode through the finish to his Argos-Shimano team bus, where a shoal of impatient, sharp-elbowed reporters waited.

"He touched my handlebars and knocked me over."

Cavendish was adamant this wasn't deliberate. The Briton with 24 Tour stage wins lost his temper with a reporter who asked if he was at fault, grabbing his voice recorder.

"I touched with him. But the road's bearing left. I know you're trying to get

all the 'Oh, Mark Cavendish, a really bad sprint again.' The road's bearing left. Two hundred and fifty meters to go, the road bears left... I followed the road," he said.

"So I think if anyone's trying to get, 'Oh, Mark Cavendish, dangerous sprint'. I think you're in the wrong there, you know?" The race jury studied video of the incident but took no action, allowing Cavendish to keep his third place behind Kittel and stage runner-up Andre Greipel, another German who won the finishing sprint on Stage 6.

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Giant Relief:

Cruz stays put in New York; contract extended until 2018

BILL PENNINGTON

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Disregarded as a high-school player, spurned by his college team twice and unwanted in the NFL draft just three years ago, Victor Cruz, the charismatic, salsa-dancing New York Giants wide receiver, continued his improbable career ascent Monday when he signed a five-year, \$43 million contract extension that will tie him to the team until at least the 2018 season.

The news of the contract, after months of civil but unproductive negotiations, quelled the anxiety of Giants fans, a group that has made the homegrown Cruz perhaps the team's most popular player. It was also a relief to the team's centerpiece performer, quarterback Eli Manning, who relies on Cruz's dependability on third downs and in the biggest games.

And with Giants training camp about two weeks away, it will soothe New York area athletic apparel merchants whose revenue has swelled with the sales of many thousands of \$100 Cruz jerseys.

"It was important for me to stay a Giant," Cruz said in a conference call. "They were the ones who had faith in me from the beginning. Now I can focus on my craft and winning a couple more championships. My whole life has been a blessing. I've come a long way."

The 26-year-old Cruz, who as recently as 2007 was working as a clerk at a mall in his native New Jersey, will receive \$15.6 million in guaranteed money from his new contract, according to people with knowledge of the deal who spoke on the condition of anonymity because terms of the con-

tract were not announced. Cruz is set to be paid \$2.879 million this season, with the \$43 million extension beginning next season.

Cruz, who was a restricted free agent, called the

agreement "tremendous," even though it did not earn him an annual average salary in the range of the best-paid receivers in the league. His extension, with an average of \$8.6 mil-

lion, is top dollar for a No. 2 receiver. "It wasn't about being the highest paid," said Cruz, who becomes the highest paid receiver in Giants history. "It was about comfort and security. It was about taking care of my family. It was important for me to stay in the area so I can be a role model for my community and all the people who look up to me. There's a lot I can do in that way." All those things played into my decision.

After the 2012 season ended, Cruz's initial contract request was about \$10 million a year. The Giants' counteroffer was closer to \$6.5 million. The two sides bargained throughout the winter and in recent weeks were described as close to an agreement. Asked why he had signed on Monday, Cruz answered, "I was done with the back and forth." □



New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz (80) leaves the field at an NFL game against the Cleveland Browns at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., Oct. 7, 2012. On July 8, 2013, Cruz, who as recently as 2007 was working as a clerk at a mall in his native New Jersey, signed a five-year contract extension with the Giants worth \$43 million.

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Chelios, Niedermayer top 2013 Hockey Hall class

LARRY LAGE

The Associated Press

Chris Chelios played in the NHL for as long as he could, and he did it at a high level. "I always said I'd go right until the tank was empty," he said. "And, I believe I did."

Chelios and fellow defensemen Scott Niedermayer along with forward Brendan Shanahan found out Tuesday they will be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in November. Only Hall of Famer Gordie Howe was an older NHL player than Chelios, the only player in league history to play in at least 400 games with three different teams. His career ended with the Atlanta Thrashers during the 2009-10 season when he was 48.

"I was part of an era, Chris was part of a few," Niedermayer joked.

Chelios, Niedermayer and Shanahan will be joined in the 2013 class by Geraldine Heaney, the third woman to be enshrined in the hall, and coach Fred Shero, who led the Philadelphia Flyers to the Stanley Cup in 1974 and '75. He was selected posthumously in the builder category.

"There's no sense looking back as to why it didn't happen sooner, because today's a happy day to

celebrate the fact that a guy that deserves it immensely has finally been elected to the Hall of Fame," Flyers chairman Ed Snider said.

Chelios and Niedermayer earned hockey's biggest individual honor in their first year of eligibility, and Shanahan got in on his second

ers, each of whom he had a connection to during their careers.

"Scott was an integral part of our success in New Jersey, not just on the ice, but off the ice," Lamoriello said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

"Shanahan was a part of

wards in the history of the game. Chelios, who I was with in the 1996 World Cup and the Olympics, is one of the best success stories for an American hockey player."

Shanahan was a teammate of Chelios' in Detroit, and played with Niedermayer during the Olympics



In this Nov. 1, 2006 photo, Detroit Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios shoots against the Calgary Flames in the first period of their NHL hockey game in Detroit. Defensemen Scott Niedermayer and Chelios, along with forward Brendan Shanahan have been picked for the Hockey Hall of Fame.
(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

shot.

New Jersey Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello raved about all three play-

my first draft - back in 1987 - and he went on to establish himself as one of the best, all-time power for-

in 2002 when Canada won gold by beating Chelios and the Americans in Salt Lake City.□

Top-seeded Querrey ousted in Newport

KEN POWTAK

Associated Press

NEWPORT, Rhode Island (AP) — For Tim Smyczek, beating one of his country's top players and upsetting the tournament's No. 1 seed meant a lot.

He defeated fellow American Sam Querrey in the opening round of the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships 6-4, 7-6 (8) on Tuesday on Newport's grass courts. "I think it's the first time I've ever beaten a No. 1 seed at a tournament. It's definitely a big deal for me," Smyczek said. "It was pretty neat to play Sam, who's been one of the top Americans for a long time, somebody I've just tried to catch up to."

Querrey, a 2009 New-

port finalist ranked 21st in the world, was broken in the seventh game by the 120th-ranked Smyczek.

"I couldn't really find a flow out there. I was a little off the whole time," Querrey said.

In the tiebreaker, Querrey saved match point twice — both with aces — but hit a backhand return into the net on the final point.

It was the second match this year between the two. Querrey won in straight sets at Indian Wells in March.

"I knew he plays aggressive and has a big game," Smyczek said. "I was just trying to keep him from taking it to me."

Querrey seemed frustrated with his game from the start, at one point utter-

ing "ridiculous" to himself after hitting a forehand shot wide in the eighth game in humid conditions, with breaks of sun peeking through mostly cloudy skies.

In the tiebreaker, Smyczek jumped ahead 3-1 before Querrey battled back, grabbing a 5-4 lead. Trailing 6-5, Querrey had the first of his two match-saving aces.

Querrey had 16 aces to Smyczek's two.

Fourth-seeded Lleyton Hewitt, a runner-up in Newport last year, beat fellow Australian Matthew Ebden 6-4, 6-1.

No. 3-seeded Igor Sijsling of the Netherlands beat Italy's Matteo Viola 6-4, 6-1; Ivo Karlovic of Croa-

tia defeated fifth-seeded Edouard Roger-Vasselin of France 7-6 (5), 6-4; Canadian Vasek Pospisil beat American Denis Kudla 1-6, 6-3, 6-3; and wild card Prakash Amritraj of India beat Italy's Flavio Cipolla 6-2, 6-3.

Jan Hernych of the Czech Republic won a match of qualifiers, defeating Ante Pavic of Croatia 7-6 (6), 6-3. Eighth-seeded American Rajeev Ram beat Adrien Bossel of Switzerland 6-2, 6-2, and American Jack Sock advanced when No. 6-seeded Marinko Matosevic of Australia retired because of food poisoning after losing the first set 6-2. The final three matches of the day were delayed because of rain.□

BLACK & BLUE

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Kittel also gave Cavendish the benefit of the doubt.

"I cannot imagine that it was on purpose because it was a very hectic situation and it was just the last moment of the sprint," he said. "Sometimes that is something which just happens." Having luxuriated Monday in their first rest day, riders were generally content Tuesday to race at a leisurely pace. The pack allowed five riders to race away and build up a lead — and then reeled them in as teams set up their sprinters to compete in the final dash.

The 197-kilometer (122-mile) jaunt from the Brittany town of Saint-Gildas-Des-Bois to Saint-Malo on its northern coast took the race past Plesse, where Lucien Mazan was born in 1882. Better known as Lucien Petit-Breton, he won the Tour in 1907 and 1908. On Wednesday, the focus shifts away from the sprinters and back to Froome and his rivals for overall victory.

Stage 11 — a time trial where the riders all race individually against the clock — could be one of the most visually spectacular of this Tour where every day already has delivered a feast for the eyes.

The 33-kilometer (20.5-mile) course loops from the Normandy port of Avranches, with its memorial to U.S. Gen. George S. Patton, to the breathtaking Mont-Saint-Michel, a Gothic-style Benedictine abbey and walled village that towers skyward from an islet perched in a bay.

Froome got bronze in the time trial — a specialist discipline — at last year's London Olympics. This year, he used a wind tunnel in Southampton, England, to improve his position on his time trial bike.

As race leader, Froome will set out last on Wednesday afternoon in his canary yellow jersey. He aims to grow the time gaps he opened on Saturday, when he demoralized rivals by blowing them away on a climb in the Pyrenees mountains.□

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Statistically speaking, what's not to like about a 13-0 start?

BENJAMIN HOFFMAN

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Of baseball's pitching statistics, none are more polarizing than victories. Some tradition-minded fans still hold wins in the highest regard while proponents of newer statistics are ready to eliminate them from their evaluations.

Even the most jaded fans of sabermetrics would have to agree, however, that a player who does not lose deserves their attention. Through 18 starts, Max Scherzer, the Detroit Tigers right-hander, is 13-0. With a chance to go to 14-0 Monday night against Cleveland, Scherzer pitched seven strong innings but received a no-decision when he was pulled with the score tied, 2-2.

He is tied for the fifth-longest winning streak to begin a season since 1916 and is two short of the record for a starting pitcher, set by Johnny Allen in 1937 and matched by Dave McNally in 1969.

As recently as two seasons ago Scherzer was seen as a talented but underachiev-



Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Max Scherzer follows through on a delivery to a Toronto Blue Jays batter during the second inning of a baseball game in Toronto. (AP Photo/ Nathan Denette)

ing player, considering his electrifying assortment of pitches. He took a step up last season, striking out 231

batters in 187 2/3 innings. This season he has gone even further.

Entering Monday night's

game, he is allowing an American League-low 6.2 hits per nine innings. He has held opponents to a .196 batting average and a .336 slugging percentage. While he has been helped some in terms of fielding, with a batting average on balls in play of .261, which is a career best, Scherzer has managed to keep his strikeout rate high while reducing his walks.

It was more of the same Monday, as Scherzer gave up seven hits and struck out seven. He lowered his earned run average to 3.06. The problem with victories as a statistic is that they do not always tell the entire story. Despite Scherzer's 13-0 record, the Tigers are 15-3 in games in which Scherzer has started. On more than one occasion he has pitched poorly enough to lose, including allowing five earned runs in a loss to the Houston Astros on May 15. But with help from his offense, Scherzer has not been saddled with a loss.

While that may seem like fodder for the detractors

of victories, the record-holder for consecutive wins to start a season provides a far better one.

In 1959, Roy Face, a reliever for the Pittsburgh Pirates, started the season 17-0. Before earning his first loss, on Sept. 11, Face appeared in 53 games. He not only had 17 wins, but by today's accounting he saved nine while performing a role similar to today's closers.

Although Face was a great reliever, he had eight blown saves during his streak and on four occasions turned a blown save into a win for himself, thus making the streak a bit suspect.

Unlike Face, who accomplished his streak largely on the basis of fortunate timing, Scherzer has been a staff ace - on a team that also includes Justin Verlander and Anibal Sanchez - and is in the conversation to start the All-Star Game. With home-field advantage in the World Series on the line, the AL may want to consider the pitcher who does not lose. □

Andrew Bynum weighing 2-year offer from Cavs

TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) -- As the Cavaliers await word from Andrew Bynum, two other teams have joined the chase for the free agent center.

Bynum, who didn't play a single second for Philadelphia last season because of knee injuries, is considering a two-year offer from the Cavs, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Cleveland made the offer, which includes a team option in the second year,

during his visit to the Cavs' facility Monday. Bynum did not work out but the team examined him thoroughly. The person with knowledge of the negotiations spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks. Yahoo! Sports first reported Cleveland's offer and said it was worth \$24 million.

While mulling Cleveland's deal, Bynum visited the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday and plans to meet Wednesday with the Dallas Mavericks, his agent, David Lee, told the AP on Tuesday night.

Lee said there has been no decision made on Cleveland's deal.

He would not say if the Hawks made Bynum an offer. Bynum lives in Atlanta and could be convinced to stay home.

"I don't want to comment about any ongoing negotiations," Lee said.

The 25-year-old Bynum had arthroscopic surgery on both knees in March, but the Cavs apparently are confident he will return to the form that made him one of the NBA's best centers and a two-time All-Star. They're also counting on

him thriving under Cleveland coach Mike Brown, who has returned to the Cavs after being fired three years ago. Brown and Bynum spent one season together with the Los Angeles Lakers and the 7-footer had his best year, averaging 18.7 points and 11.8 rebounds. Over the past four seasons, Bynum has averaged 14.7 points and 9.5 rebounds.

Cleveland would like to get an answer from Bynum as soon as possible, but the team did not give him any deadline. The NBA's free-agency moratorium period

ends Wednesday.

The Cavs have already landed forward Earl Clark and guard Jarrett Jack in free agency and are looking to move up quickly. They would immediately vault into contention in the Eastern Conference with a healthy Bynum paired with All-Star guard Kyrie Irving and a roster that includes forward Tristan Thompson, guard Dion Waiters and forward Anthony Bennett, the No. 1 overall pick in last month's draft.

Lee has said Bynum will be ready to play by the start of training camp. □

Feed Your Bones - By, Dr. Carlos Viana

Matter comes in three states: solid, liquid and gas. Stop and think about glass and bones. Are they solid, liquid or gas? Which did you pick? If you choose solid for both, you are technically incorrect. We hear the objections screaming in your brains. Hold on; expand your reality of what you perceive.

Glass is technically a liquid much like water. So why does glass not behave like water? The answer is in the temperature. At ten below zero water flows nowhere; at a thousand degrees glass flows easily. Believe it or not, even at ambient temperatures, glass, pulled by the forces of gravity, flows ever so slowly down. There are old castles whose glass panes have flowed down so the bottom of the pane is much thicker than the paper thin top. Glass, your see, is a liquid that is solid or "frozen" at ambient temperatures.

What about breaking glass? Glass at ambient temperature, if forced too much will shatter into sharp pieces. Automobile "safety" glass is two panes of glass melted together with an inner core of plastic to make it more flexible, or shatter-proof. Automobile glass takes more force before breaking into dull pieces.

Bones are more fluid than solid. Ask any orthodontist who uses braces to rearrange and straighten teeth. With time and constant pressure, teeth imbedded in solid bone jaws will slowly flow into a new space. Most of our calcium is found in bones and teeth. People require calcium daily. When there is a deficiency of calcium in the body, these nutrients are "borrowed" from our

bones and teeth.

Our skeleton, which serves as our structural support, is actually constantly changing, maximizing strength and minimizing its mass to meet our physiological needs. Osteoporosis is a condition characterized by a loss of calcium and other minerals from the bones, making them more porous and brittle. Porous and brittle bones are more susceptible to break and fracture. People, aware that osteoporosis has become a big problem in developing countries, supplement with calcium and vitamin D for prevention.

Most physicians assume that the way to treat osteoporosis is to prescribe calcium. Years ago I predicted this assumption would come back to haunt the medical profession. The negative consequences of calcium supplementation are finally being realized and medical researchers now know that their assumptions have made bone problems worse.

Calcium supplements can raise heart risks in postmenopausal women. In the United States a prescription medication that has calcium and vitamin D that has been used by nearly 10 million people to help prevent or treat bone loss or osteoporosis, has been linked to 2,400 incidents of jaw bone decay or Osteonecrosis of the jaw. Additional people taking these drugs have claimed to have such debilitating pain that they have become bedridden or in need of walkers, crutches or wheelchairs.

Understanding this oversimplification of bone density and calcium, I have developed a treatment approach in our clinic, using my biocompatible medi-

cal protocol. The first thing is to slow down the loss of calcium. Medicines that stimulate the thyroid and adrenal glands, as well as prolonged use of cortisone greatly affect calcium status. Steroids and artificial hormones, besides increasing your risk for some cancers, do not treat your bones well. Additionally, there are drugs that interfere with calcium absorption. Drugs used to decrease seizures and many stomach medicines prevent calcium absorption. Operations to stomach or intestines; removal of gallbladders; kidney disease; diabetes; and alcoholism all contribute to poor calcium absorption. Perhaps the biggest enemy to bone loss is cigarette smoking. These problems need to be corrected to stop mineral loss from your bones.

The second part of our protocol is to encourage the bones to become more flexible. Why do baby bones not break? They are not strong but they are flexible. Remember brittle glass shatters? Similarly, brittle bones shatter. Too much calcium in the bones makes them hard and brittle. The current test for osteoporosis, a bone scan gives us your bone density. Bone density does not show flexibility. Thick, dense, but brittle bones will shatter and break easily.

We begin by replacing not just calcium, but all the minerals needed by your bones. There are two ways to accomplish this. The first is to feed your body the minerals. Magnesium helps maintain normal muscle and nerve function, keeps heart rhythm steady, supports a healthy immune system, and keeps bones strong. Nutritionists know



that, magnesium regulates calcium transportation in the body. New studies show that magnesium therapy appears to prevent fractures and results in a significant increase in bone density in menopausal women.

One of our ways to feed your bones is **BONE SOUP**: Use beef, chicken, turkey or fish, all animal bones are full of collagen important for strong healthy bones. Fill a large pot half way with any kind of bones, include a little meat. (Do NOT use Pork. Pork is NOT on any healthy diet!) Fill the other half with vegetables, especially a lot of parsley. Do NOT use potatoes, tomatoes or eggplant. Add 2 teaspoons of vinegar or half a cup of wine. Fill with water and boil vigorously for 3 hours. Keep only the broth. Add a package of un-flavored gelatin. Drink at least a cup a day alone or use a stock to cook with or add fresh vegetables to make soup.

Avoid acid forming foods; these cause your body to pull calcium out of your bones. Sugars, simple carbohydrates and processed foods are acid forming. Exercise in moderation is good for you. Excessive exercise can remove calcium from your bones. For joggers, running shoes are recommended to protect you from shin splints and

knee problems. However, bones need to be stressed to be strong. Wearing shoes that absorb ALL stress is not good. Impact stimulates the flow of minerals for your bones.

Another thing you can do to force your bones to become stronger is grow muscles. Muscles control bone production better than calcium supplementation. When muscles become bigger and stronger through exercise, the attached bone grows to support the musculature.

Get the point! Your bones are alive. Drinking milk for your bone health is a myth that has no medical basis. Your skeleton is your body's support; our clinic is your health support. Do you want to protect your bones from osteoporosis? Come in so we can teach you how to take care and feed your bones naturally. CARLOS VIANA, Ph. D. is an Oriental Medical Doctor (O.M.D.) having studied in China; a US Board Cert. Clinical Nutritionist (C.C.N.), an Addiction Professional (C.Ad.), Chairperson of the Latin American Committee of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology (IAOMT), a Rejuvenating Cell Therapist specializing in Age Management, has a weekly radio program, writes and lectures extensively. For information: VIANA HEALING CENTER, Kibaima 7, St Cruz TEL: 585-1270 Web Site: www.vianaheal.com

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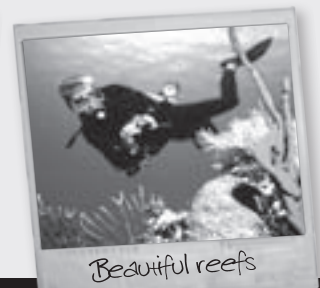
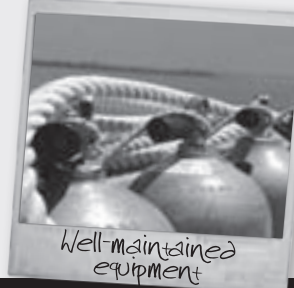
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AUTO TECH:

Detroit, embracing new auto technologies, seeks app builders

JACLYN TROP

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DETROIT - After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1998, Brian Mulloy followed the path of many of his classmates, fleeing his home state for a job in a bustling city. But after 10 years of working in technology startups in San Francisco, he has returned as founder of a company in Detroit's budding technology sector.

Mulloy is part of a group of workers that Detroit is suddenly hungry for - software developers and information technology specialists who can create applications for the next generation of connected vehicles. "You're going to see developers set up shop in Detroit because they're going to follow the money," Mulloy said, "and there will be lots of money."

Already, the money is flowing. General Motors, newly flush with cash after emerging from bankruptcy, is on a hiring binge, quadrupling its information technology

staff and recruiting software developers to create a spate of apps for its 2014 model-year vehicles. While the hiring is taking place across the country, many of the new recruits will be working out of the Detroit area.

Ford Motor Co. plans to fill 300 positions in information technology this year, said Laura Kurtz, Ford's manager of U.S. recruiting. Chrysler Group, which declined to specify its plans, said it would hire more entry-level workers and was focused on attracting a highly skilled workforce.

For Detroit, the hiring is a rare bright spot in a city teetering on the edge of bankruptcy. For the state overall, the Michigan Department of Labor projects that job growth in software developers for applications is expected to grow 23.5 percent from 2010; for software developers for systems software, 36.9 percent, the highest of any technical job classification. Michigan's overall aver-

age for selected technical occupations is 8.5 percent growth. The demand for in-vehicle applications is a "substantial job generator with high-end pay," said Donald R. Grimes, an economic researcher at the

University of Michigan.

Beyond the three Detroit automakers, the push for the connected car is helping support homegrown technology businesses like Mulloy's as well.

Detroit Labs, founded two

years ago to create smartphone apps, is shifting to work with automakers to build in-vehicle apps. The company has grown tenfold since 2011, to 40 people, and aims for 60 workers by the end of the year. □



Dan Ward, foreground, a founder of Detroit Labs, a software developer that has grown rapidly as it shifts its focus to meet skyrocketing demand for automotive apps, sketches a navigation system for an application with Claud Badau, an intern in Detroit. The old-line carmakers are suddenly hungry for information technology specialists who can create apps for the next generation of connected vehicles.

(Stephen McGee/The New York Times)

Designing dashboards with fewer distractions

BILL VLASIC

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DETROIT - The engineers working on Honda's new Acura MDX luxury sport utility vehicle were obsessed with giving customers more - more space in the rear seat, more fuel economy from a high-tech engine, and above, all, more apps, maps and connectivity. But there was one feature they wanted less of: buttons.

In an effort to simplify the newest Honda vehicle, which went on sale in June, the product team was de-

termined to streamline the instrument panel. For the new MDX model, more than 30 buttons have been eliminated. The change was emblematic of the challenge confronting automakers in the age of the connected car. How does a car company give customers the technology they crave without overwhelming them with complicated controls that can impair their ability to drive safely? "We are trying to give our customers what they want in a way that's going to be safe and make



Upton Bowden, of Visteon, demonstrates the company's car instrument panel responding to a gesture, in Novi, Mich. The car has become a mobile computer, with Internet access and an array of apps, but safety experts worry about driver distraction. (Nick King/The New York Times)

sense," said Steven Feit, a senior Honda engineer on the project. "That's the balance we are trying to get to." The evolution of the automobile has had many milestones. Now the car has become a mobile computer packed with new entertainment options, Internet access and a dizzying array of apps that help drivers avoid traffic jams, find parking spots and locate the nearest coffee shop.

Federal regulators are struggling to keep pace. □ The National Highway Traf-

All major stock indexes head higher for fourth day

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors on Tuesday bought companies that fare best when the economic outlook is bright. All major stocks indexes rose, but gains were led by the riskier parts of the market. The Russell 2000, an index of small-company stocks, climbed for a fourth straight day. The Dow Jones transportation average, seen as a leading indicator for the broader economy, also jumped.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 75.65 points, or 0.5 percent, to 15,300.34. The S&P 500 index gained 11.86 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,652.32. The Nasdaq composite rose 19.43 points, or 0.6 percent, to 3,504.26. The gains suggest that investors are getting more confident about the outlook for the U.S. economy. In the first half of the year, stock markets were powered by the safer companies that paid large dividends.

"When you see that leadership from the smaller caps that's probably a good sign overall for the bigger blue chips to potentially follow suite," said Ryan Detrick, a senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "People are leaving the more defensive areas."

The Russell 2000 rose eight

points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,018.05. It has gained 4.2 percent in July and is moving deeper into record territory. The index has risen more this year than its large-company counterparts, the Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

The Dow Jones transportation index rose the most among major U.S. indexes Tuesday, led by strong gains for Alaska Air Group and FedEx.

The index jumped 148 points, or 2.4 percent, to 6,446. Alaska Air Group rose 7 percent after it forecast an additional \$50 million a year in revenue from increased fees. FedEx rose 6 percent on speculation that William Ackman's hedge fund, Pershing Square, could invest in the company.

Wall Street is also turning its attention to corporate earnings. The second-quarter results should give traders and investors fresh fodder after they spent most of June trying to figure out where the Federal Reserve was headed with its economic stimulus program.

Along with the quarterly results, investors want to see how confident companies are about the rest of the year, said Cam Albright, director of asset allocation for Wilmington Trust Investment Advisors.

Major U.S. stock indexes have notched a series of all-time highs this year on expectations that earnings will remain at record levels. "A lot of what the market has justified its advances on is a strong second-half for the economy and a strong second-half for earnings,"

quarter loss that wasn't as big as financial analysts feared. The company benefited from strong demand for aluminum used in autos and airplanes, although that was offset by weaker prices.

Traders weren't blown away by the results, though.

week. JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo will also report.

The S&P 500 has risen for four straight days, its best streak in almost two months. Gains were led by industrial firms and companies that provide raw materials.



Specialist Douglas Johnson, left, and trader Edward Curran work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, July 8, 2013. Stocks rose in early trading Monday ahead of the start of second-quarter corporate earnings reports.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

said Albright. "It's important that we see verification of that."

Alcoa was the first major company to announce second-quarter results. The aluminum maker late Monday reported a second-

After initially rising, the stock ended down 1 cent, or 0.1 percent, to \$7.91.

Yum Brands, which owns KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, and Family Dollar store are among the companies reporting their earnings this

Telecommunications companies, which investors turn to when the economic outlook is gloomier, fell.

The S&P 500 is now just 1 percent below its May 21 record of 1,669. It was down almost 6 percent to 1,573 on June 24.

Stocks have recovered since Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the central bank planned to reduce its economic stimulus.

The central bank is buying \$85 billion in bonds a month to keep interest rates low and encourage borrowing and spending. That stimulus has been a major support in the stock markets' five-year rally.

Stock markets are likely to become more volatile as investors try to assess when and how quickly the central bank will cut back on stimulus, said Dean Junkas, chief investment officer of Wells Fargo Private Bank.

"More volatility in the second half of the year is what we're expecting," said Junkas. □

Netflix to host video chat in lieu of earns call

LOS GATOS, California (AP) — Netflix already streams movies and TV shows. On July 22, it will also stream a live video discussing its earnings results.

Netflix Inc. said late Monday that instead of its regular conference call, CEO Reed Hastings and Chief Financial Officer David Wells will host a video chat discussing the company's quarterly results. The company said the discussion will be moderated by BTIG Research analyst Rich Greenfield and CNBC reporter Julia Boorstin. Investors will be able to submit

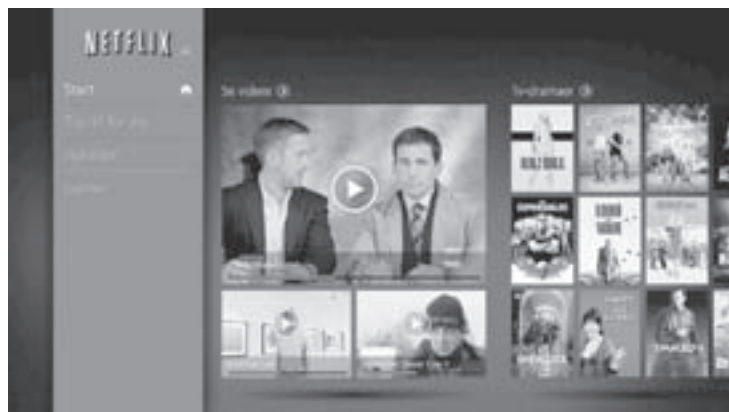
questions to the moderators by email or Twitter. Even before Monday's an-

nouncement, Netflix had taken questions from investors over email. The company says the moderators will "incorporate as many questions as time permits into the discussion."

Netflix has been pushing the boundaries of communicating with investors. It received scrutiny from the Securities and Exchange Commission in December, after Hastings posted

on Facebook that Netflix's online video viewing "exceeded 1 billion hours for the first time ever in June." The SEC said at the time that posting on Facebook didn't amount to fair public disclosure of information that is material to investors. In April, however, the SEC said that it was OK for a company to use social media for company announcements, as long as it tells investors where such information will be posted. The SEC said it didn't allege wrongdoing by Netflix or by Hastings.

Shares of Netflix rose \$14.28, or 6.1 percent, to close at \$247.38 on Tuesday, then added another 7 cents in aftermarket trading. □



Undated handout shows a screenshot of Netflix's online service. On July 22, Netflix Inc. will stream a live video discussing its earnings results, rather than the traditional conference call.

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NYSE Euronext wins contract to take over Libor

JULIA WERDIGIER

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LONDON - NYSE Euronext announced Tuesday that it had won a contract to administer and improve the embattled London inter-bank offered rate, or Libor. The company, which owns the London derivatives exchange Liffe, beat other contenders to take over Libor, including the financial news and data organization Bloomberg LP and the London Stock Exchange, said a person briefed on the decision, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

NYSE Euronext was picked by an independent committee led by Sarah Hogg, chairwoman of the regulator responsible for financial reporting, after a tender process that started in February.

The British Bankers' Association was in charge of monitoring Libor until a far-reaching rate-rigging scandal that has cost large banks billions of dollars in fines.

The transfer of the administration from the British Bankers' Association is expected to be completed early next year.

The search for a new administrator of Libor began last fall after a review by Martin Wheatley, at the time the managing director of Britain's Financial Services Authority, that outlined plans to increase oversight of the rate-setting process. The British government took a more hands-on role, including making rate manipulation a criminal offense.

Regulators around the world have been investigating more than a dozen big banks that help set benchmarks like Libor. □

US job openings, hiring rise slightly in May

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.

year ago.

The job market remains competitive, despite stron-



Job-seekers wait in line for a job fair in Oregon. The Labor Department said Tuesday that job openings rose 28,000 to 3.83 million in May from April. That's close to February's 3.9 million, which was the highest in five years.

(AP Photo)

employers advertised slightly more jobs in May and hired more workers, further signs of steady improvement in the job market.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that job openings rose 28,000 to 3.83 million in May from April. That's close to February's 3.9 million, which was the highest in five years.

A measure of overall hiring increased 46,000 to 4.4 million. That's still lower than a

ger hiring this year. There are nearly 3.1 unemployed, on average, for each open job. That's down from a peak four years ago of nearly 7 to 1. In a healthy economy, the ratio is typically 2 to 1.

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey comes after the government said last week that employers added 195,000 net jobs in June. Last week's report showed all jobs added, minus the number of people

who were laid off, quit or retired. The unemployment rate was unchanged at still-high 7.6 percent.

In May, nearly all the openings were at retail businesses, a sign that many of the jobs being created are low paying. Openings in retail rose nearly 80,000. Government and construction firms also posted more jobs: Each advertised 4,000 new positions.

Most other industries cut openings, including manufacturing, hotels and restaurants, and health care. Still, the number of people who quit their jobs ticked up about 20,000 to 2.2 million. That's often a sign that people are feeling better about the job market. Most people quit their jobs when they have another job or when they are confident enough in the job market that they can find one quickly.

The job market has improved this year, even after sharp tax increases kicked in Jan. 1 and government spending cuts took effect March 1. Employers have added an average of 202,000 net jobs a month in the first half of this year. That's up from an average of 180,000 in the previous six.

Job growth is being fueled in part by consumer spend-

ing and the housing recovery. Consumer confidence is at a 5½ year high and is helping drive up sales of homes and cars.

Auto sales from January through June topped 7.8 million, their best first half since 2007, according to Autodata Corp. and Ward's AutoInfoBank. Sales of previously occupied homes exceeded 5 million in May, the first time that's happened since November 2009. New-home sales rose at their fastest pace in five years.

A stronger economy makes it more likely that the Federal Reserve could begin to taper its stimulus later this year.

Chairman Ben Bernanke said last month that the Fed would slow its bond purchases later this year and end them next year if the economy continues to improve.

Bernanke and Fed Vice Chair Janet Yellen have both said that they monitor the job openings report for signs that the job market is improving in a sustainable way.

The Fed will release minutes from its June meeting Wednesday. The report should provide further insight into what Bernanke and other policymakers are thinking. □

BlackBerry name change approved by shareholders

WATERLOO, Ontario (AP)

— Research In Motion has won formal approval to change its name to BlackBerry.

The Canadian company announced plans for the name change in January, when it unveiled new phones running a revamped operating system

called BlackBerry 10. The company hopes the new devices will be more competitive with iPhones and Android devices.

Since January, Research In Motion Ltd. has been going by BlackBerry in marketing materials. It has also changed its ticker symbol to "BBRY." But a legal name

change required shareholders' approval at Tuesday's annual meeting.

The new name comes as BlackBerry faces questions about how its growth and survival.

CEO Thorsten Heins told shareholders that BlackBerry is in the second stage of its turnaround. Stage three,

he says, includes profitability.

BlackBerry shares were hammered last month after the company's financial results fell short of expectations.

The stock rose 27 cents, or nearly 3 percent, to \$9.82 in afternoon trading Tuesday. □

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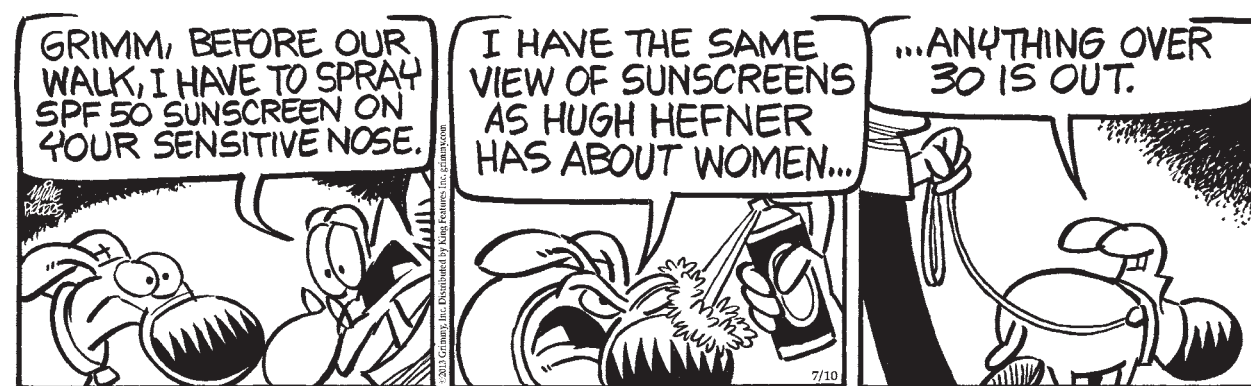
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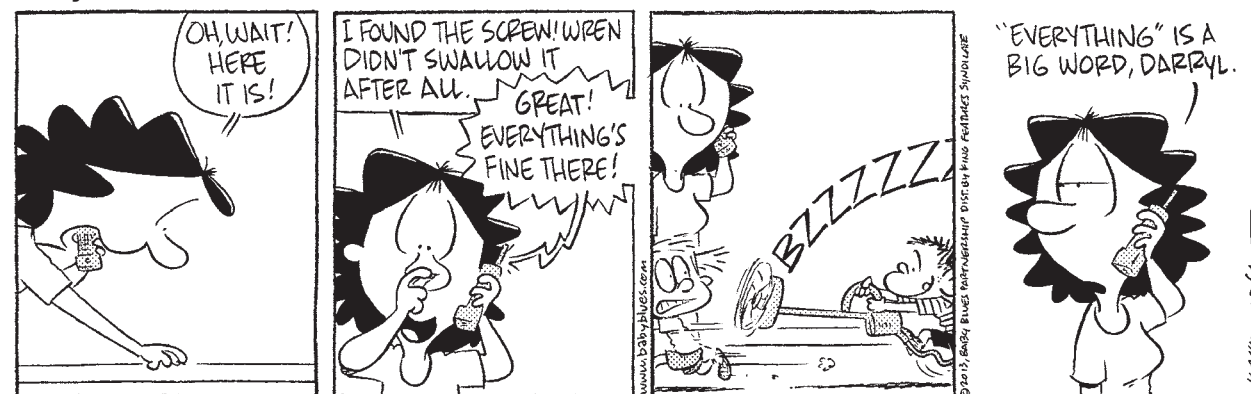
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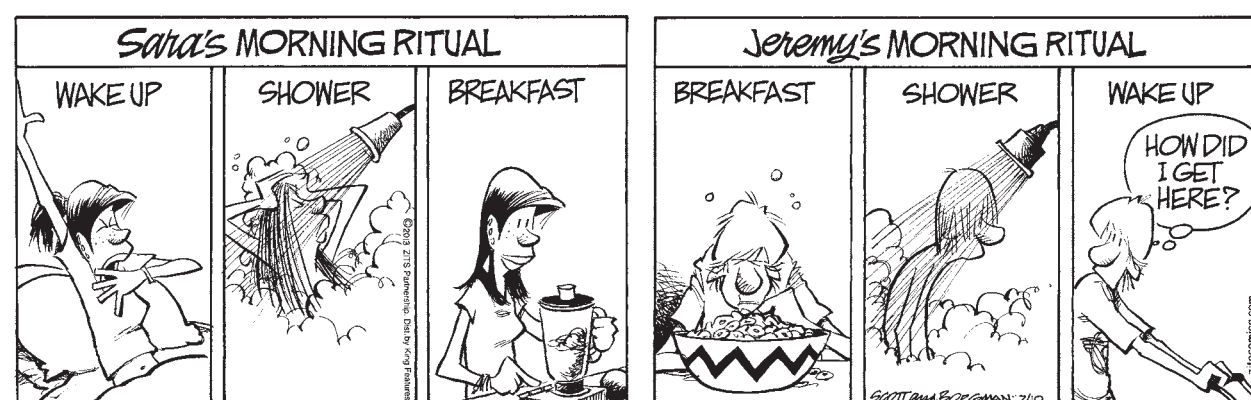
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

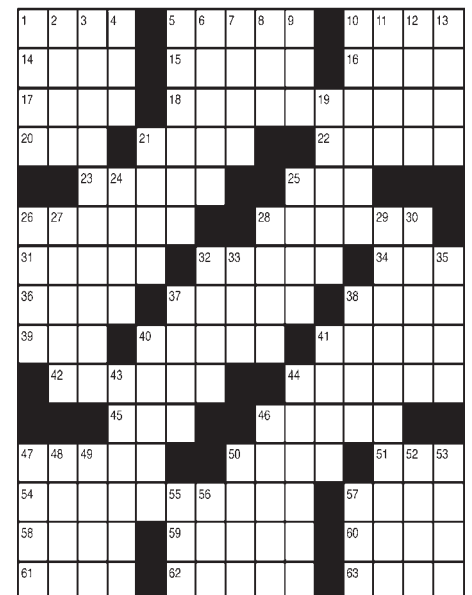
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- Van Dyke or Van Patten
- Porterhouse or T-bone
- Molten rock
- Actor's part
- Lift with effort
- "Beowulf" or "Paradise Lost"
- Out of town
- Feeling of bitterness
- Xenon or argon
- up; confined
- Pete & Charlie
- Gushes forth
- "I See Clearly Now"
- Sent via USPS
- Lifting devices
- Terrible
- Actor Keith
- Uncooked
- Injure
- At; culpable
- Cab
- "You Lonesome Tonight?"
- Have children, biblically
- Wyatt & Pauley
- Albert & Fisher
- Cool creamy dessert
- Bizarre
- Raccoon's cousin
- Panorama
- Word of disgust
- Afternoon hour
- Cherry for a mai tai garnish
- Connected
- Fail to include
- Slugger Hank
- up; delay
- Trait transmitter
- Computer memory units
- Finishes

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

SCRUB	CRAB	DATA
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RAISIN	SODAS	
ADD	TENOR	NECKS
TALC	SOFIA	DUNE
SMEAR	BASIC	TEA
NAILS	RUPEES	
SALTINE	HERR	
ALIENS	MEDIOCRE	
BIKE	AREA	OMAHA
EVEN	NULL	UPPER
REDS	ENDS	STEAL

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DOWN

- Boring event
- Dubuque, ___
- ads; section of a newspaper

- Sleeping ___; bedrolls
- Regret
- as an owl
- Nourish

- Tight, as a rope
- one's time; waits
- Rivers or Baez
- Give to charity
- Nincompoops
- Narrow boat
- Air pollution
- Showed up
- Moran or Gray
- Soil
- Unite by heating
- Probability
- Bandleader
- Calloway
- Dobbin's dinner
- Definite article

Placido Domingo in hospital in Spain with an embolism

CHRIS TALBOTT
AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Opera singer Placido Domingo is in the hospital after suffering a blockage in an artery of the lungs. Domingo's representative says the 72-year-old is expected to make a full recovery but will have to miss several appearances scheduled for later this month. He was admitted to the hospital Monday in Madrid. Doctors say the pulmonary embolism was caused by a blood clot. The singer's representative, Nancy Seltzer, says doc-

tors have asked the Spanish tenor and conductor to rest for three to four weeks, but that healing time varies. His return to the stage will depend on how quickly he regains his strength. It's not the first time Domingo has faced a serious medical condition. Domingo returned to the stage just 45 days after undergoing colon cancer surgery in 2010 and has maintained a vigorous schedule and displayed an uncommon vitality at an age when most stars have stepped away from the spotlight. □



In this June 7, 2013 photo, tenor Placido Domingo performs at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles. Domingo is in the hospital after suffering a blockage in an artery of the lungs. He was admitted to the hospital Monday, July 8, 2013, in Madrid. (Photo by Dan Steinberg/Invision/AP)

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Astronauts tackle chore backlog on spacewalk

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AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida
(AP) — Two spacewalking astronauts tackled a backlog of outdoor work at the International Space Station this week.

It was the first spacewalk for Italy — a major contributor to the orbiting lab — as Luca Parmitano floated out. He was accompanied by American Christopher Cassidy, a veteran space-walker.

Cassidy encountered a stubborn bolt as the maintenance work got underway, eating up precious minutes. A slim gap of just one-eighth of an inch stalled the installation of a new space-to-ground radio transmitter; the old one failed in December.

"Nothing jumps out at me," Cassidy reported to Mission Control. "I can see a little wear on the bolt."

Finally, the former Navy Seal managed to attach the transmitter. Mission Control said it appeared to be a tight fit.

It was smoother going for Parmitano as he collected science experiments for return to Earth later this year aboard a commercial SpaceX capsule.

"Any curve balls over there, Luca?" Cassidy asked. "Nope," came the reply. Their hodgepodge of

to arrive in December, and were asked to take pictures of the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, a \$2

agers wanted to wait until the to-do list was long before committing to the time-consuming space-



American astronauts during a spacewalk to make routine repairs to the Space Station.
(Handout Photo/NASA/AP)

chores also included collecting science experiments, removing a bad camera and relocating radiator grapple bars. Some of the work was targeted for potential future breakdowns, making it easier to swap out bad parts when the time comes.

They had some cable work to perform in preparation for a new Russian lab due

billion cosmic ray detector launched on NASA's next-to-last shuttle mission in 2011. Scientists noticed unusual discoloration on the instrument's radiators and requested photos.

A second spacewalk, next Tuesday, will wrap up the job.

NASA said the tasks had been piling up over the past couple of years. Man-

walks.

Parmitano, 36, a major in the Italian Air Force, arrived at the space station at the end of May for a six-month stay. Cassidy, 43, will wrap up his half-year mission in September.

The rest of the space station crew — one American and three Russians — assisted the spacewalkers from inside. □

Northern China pollution lowers life span: study

EDWARD WONG
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BEIJING — A study released Monday by a prominent American science journal has found that pollution from widespread coal use in northern China has led in recent decades to an average decrease in life span of more than five years, compared with the life span of people living in southern China.

The study, which appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, was conducted by an American, an Israeli and two Chinese scholars and was based on analyses of health and pollution data collected by official Chinese sources from 1981 to 2001.

The results provide a new assessment of the enormous cost of China's environmental degradation, which in the north is partly a result of the emissions of deadly pollutants from coal-driven energy generation. The researchers project that the 500 million Chinese who live north of the Huai River will lose 2.5 billion years of life expectancy in total because of outdoor air pollution.

"It highlights that in developing countries there's a trade-off in increasing incomes today and protecting public health and environmental quality," said the American member of the research team, Michael Greenstone, a professor of environmental economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "And it highlights the fact that the public health costs are larger than we had thought."

The study is the first measuring this kind of impact that relies purely on data collected within China. Its conclusions are based on analyses of population groups living in areas north and south of the Huai River. The Chinese government has for years maintained a policy of free coal for boilers to generate winter heating north of the river. □

NASA Mars rover Curiosity begins delayed road trip



This photo released by NASA shows a photo stitched together from nearly 900 images taken by the NASA rover Curiosity showing a section of Gale Crater near the Martian equator. Nearly a year after landing, Curiosity is finally starting the drive to a mountain in search of the chemical building blocks of life.

(AP Photo/NASA)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It took longer than expected, but NASA's Curiosity rover is finally heading toward a Martian mountain.

The nuclear-powered, six-wheel rover drove a total of 190 feet (58 meters) since July Fourth, leaving the spot where it spent the past seven months examining rocks and dirt.

Curiosity landed last August in Gale Crater near Mars' equator and has already found an environment that scientists say contains all the right ingredients for microbes to survive.

The delay in heading to Mount Sharp was mostly due to unexpected discoveries. As pleased as scientists are with the progress so far, they're itching to study the layers of rock at the base of the mountain. □

Time To Party Like It's Spring Break - Again!

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This calls for celebration: Spring Breakers comes out on DVD this week. Honor the movie about a bunch of girls who go to St. Pete Beach for spring break by throwing your very own Spring Breakers bash. The general theme of the party: sensory overload. We're talking thumping music, decor that's an explosion of color, bright drinks and

that classic gangsta effect, invest in some fake dollar bills so you can make it rain. Then stack 'em back up and do it again. It never gets old.

Music: The Spring Breakers soundtrack is a great start, natch, but you'll need to supplement. More Gucci Mane, more 2 Chainz, more Waka Flocka Flame. Hardcore fans should also have local rapper Dangeruss' single My Fork on the playlist, as he was the



An undated handout photo from the film 'Spring Breakers,' coming to DVD this week.

(Handout Photo)

hedonism. Lots of hedonism.

Wardrobe: Everyone must wear neon. Lots of pink, orange and yellow for sure, but anything that burns a hole in your retina is acceptable. Where does one find such colors? Two words: Clearwater Beach. Never underestimate a tourist shop's stock of hot-pink tanks. If you want to get really wild, paint all 10 of your fingernails a different color. Neon purple and yellow are complementary colors for a reason.

If want to get more costumey, you can't beat James Franco's rapper/drug dealer character Alien: Wear a white tank top under an open Hawaiian shirt with a couple of fake gold necklaces, then top it off with fake gold teeth and cornrows. Also required: At some point during the night, you must make everyone look at all of your shit.

Décor: Again, neon. Get your hands on some Day-Glo paint and go crazy. For

basis for Franco's character. Also, this is a perfect opportunity to bring Britney back, bitch. Who among us hasn't sung ... Baby One More Time drunkenly outside of a strip mall with our friends, clad only in bikinis? Pop Spears' greatest hits into the karaoke machine and belt it out. If you're feeling particularly brave, sit down at the piano and do a mournful version of Everytime.

Party games: Activities should circle around one thing: drinking. Hit up the nearest Wings for a beer bong and make sure that you have plenty of red Solo cups on hand. Extra points if you have a two-story house for that beer bong.

Food/drinks: The Spring Breakers girls robbed a Chicken Shack with some water guns to fund their spring break trip to Florida, so this one's easy: Pick up a couple buckets of chicken for your hungry guests, who are inevitably jonesing for something fried after drinking all night. □



Amanda Bynes, accompanied by attorney Gerald Shargel, arrives for a court appearance in New York, Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

(AP Photo/Bethan McKernan)

Bynes in court for suspected bong toss

NEW YORK (AP) — Amanda Bynes showed up to court wearing a long aqua wig for an appearance on allegations that she tossed a marijuana bong from the window of her Manhattan apartment.

The 27-year-old actress is charged with reckless endangerment and attempted tampering with physi-

cal evidence. She did not speak at a brief court appearance Tuesday.

Bynes was arrested in May after building officials called police to complain she was smoking pot in the lobby.

Officers went to her apartment where they say they saw a bong sitting on the kitchen counter. Prosecu-

tors say she tossed the bong out the window in front of the officers.

Bynes rose to fame starring in Nickelodeon's "All That." But she has been in the news more recently because of several scrapes with the law and bizarre public behavior.

Her next court date is Sept. 26. □

Elton John cancels show due to appendicitis

LONDON (AP) — Elton John has canceled a show in London's Hyde Park due to appendicitis that will require surgery.

A statement issued Tuesday by the musician's publicist said John was suffering from an inflamed appendix and surrounding abscess.

He has been advised by doctors to cancel his concerts while he undergoes a regime of antibiotics to treat the abscess. That will be followed by surgery in the next few weeks.

The statement said John fell ill during his recent European tour, but "is eager to be back on top form and return to play the remaining shows starting in early September 2013."

The 66-year-old performer had been due to play an outdoor concert in London's Hyde Park on Friday on a bill with Elvis Costello and Ray Davies.

Last year John canceled several U.S. dates after being diagnosed with a respiratory infection.

His new album, "The Diving Board," is due out in September. □



British pop star Elton John performing during the Euro 2012 soccer championship in Kiev, Ukraine. Elton John has canceled a show in London's Hyde Park after being diagnosed with appendicitis that will require surgery. A statement issued Tuesday July 9, 2013 by the musician's publicist said John was suffering from an inflamed appendix and surrounding abscess.

(AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky)

De la Renta joins Clintons in Arkansas

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LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP)

— Hillary Rodham Clinton on Monday honored fashion designer Oscar de la Renta, the man responsible for a teal, silk pantsuit she wore when she was sworn in as a U.S. senator.

The two shared the stage together last month in New York when Clinton, a self-professed pantsuit aficionado, presented de la Renta with the Council of Fashion Designers of America's highest honor and joked about a fictional "Project Runway" spinoff, "Project Pantsuit."

They met again Monday evening in Little Rock, where some of de la Renta's work — including the teal pantsuit — is on display at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center.

Clinton and her husband,

ny because I am the most expert person on this stage in the field of high fashion," the former president said in the company of de la Renta and Vogue Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour.

Wintour, meanwhile, praised de la Renta and his work with first ladies and Clinton for her work over the years, most recently as secretary of state.

"She always looked entirely appropriate wherever she was and nearly always in Oscar," Wintour said.

Wintour drew applause from the crowd when she mentioned the former first lady as a potential presidential candidate in 2016.

"It's anyone's guess what the next chapter will be for this extraordinary woman," Wintour said.

"I can only hope that all of you here in Little Rock will be celebrating her come

dressed our daughters."

That was evidenced at the de la Renta exhibit, where Chelsea Clinton's garb was displayed near her mother's teal pantsuit.

That pantsuit, which hardly needs a placard identifying who wore it, stands near a red, cashmere outfit Laura Bush wore in 2008 and a beige ensemble Nancy Reagan donned two decades earlier.

Visitors also can see reproductions of a couple of de la Renta dresses Clinton has worn over the years, but the pantsuit stands out. The signage surrounding her pantsuit, much like her new Twitter biography, plays on the prominent pantsuits she's worn.

Clinton calls herself a "pantsuit aficionado" on Twitter. However, the wording on a placard at the exhibit — much like the



Robert Plant, lead vocalist and lyricist of the rock band Led Zeppelin, performs during the Timbre Rock and Roots concert in Singapore. Plant is in Singapore for a two-day concert with other international acts like Paul Simon, and Rufus Wainwright.

(AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

Zeppelin front-man Plant takes songs to new places

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)

Robert Plant knows his fans want Led Zeppelin and he's happy to comply. On his own terms.

Plant is on the road this summer with a new band, The Sensational Space Shifters, and he's offering up fan favorites — rejiggered a bit to keep him excited about the music he's been performing for more than four decades.

"You just hit it, give it a good bang," Plant said. "It's sort of like taking a can of wasps and giving it a good bang with a stick, and then opening the lid. It's just like, 'Ooooh!' That makes me sing better and it makes me go back to not feeling that I'm a cliché, that I'm not actually just going through the motions. ... This is obviously a gig but nonetheless you can still make it into a great pleasure dome for yourself, which is what I do."

Plant is on tour with The Space Shifters through July. He's hitting Red Rocks in Colorado and the Forecast Festival in Louisville, Ky., this week with stops in Atlanta, North Carolina and Boston before wrapping in Prospect Park in Brooklyn July 27 after successful runs in South America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

He and former Zeppelin bandmates Jimmy Page and John Paul Jones, who ended the band when John Bonham died in 1980,

incited public hope for a reunion when they appeared in London and New York together last year to promote "Celebration Day," the film and music release of the band's 2007 concert at London's O2 Arena. The band testily deflected questions about a reunion. "We rode on the crest of every wave for a period of time, us bunch of guys," Plant said in a phone interview from San Francisco. "And sadly that couldn't last because one of the guys vanished. And so what happens now is I'm a man of the world like so many people, like in his own way Ry Cooder and Peter Gabriel. ... You pick up so much stuff along the way, you know, and you put it all together, you switch the power on and people smile and then they dance and then they sweat and then they scream, and it's either that or sit on a stool and sing George Jones songs."

The tour effectively marks the end of a seven-year Americana period for Plant that started with "Raising Sand," his 2007 Grammy Award-winning collaboration with Alison Krauss and T Bone Burnett, and continued through his most recent work with girlfriend Patty Griffin, Buddy Miller and Band of Joy.

The Space Shifters turn it into something of an abrupt ending.

"I went back to the U.K. and I said to my pals, 'Let's go urban, let's go British, let's go African.' □



Fashion designer Oscar de la Renta, right, looks toward former President Bill Clinton, left, as de la Renta speaks at the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Ark., Monday, July 8, 2013.

(AP Photo/Danny Johnston)

former President Bill Clinton, thanked de la Renta for his work and his friendship as they feted him and his temporary exhibit called "Oscar de la Renta: American Icon," which opened in May and runs through Dec. 1. It not only showcases outfits worn by first ladies, but also by Hollywood stars such as Anne Hathaway.

"I was not asked to open this relatively brief ceremony

November 2016."

Clinton didn't discuss her future or poke fun at her penchant for pantsuits on Monday.

Instead, she thanked de la Renta, whom she has called a "dear friend."

"Oscar has really treated first ladies such as myself and Nancy Reagan and Laura Bush with such great support," she said.

"And sometimes, as Chelsea knows, he's even

exhibit itself — is a bit more highbrow.

"Pantsuits designed by Oscar de la Renta are perhaps Hillary Clinton's most famous sartorial statement," a sign says.

Across the exhibit, flowers bloom from a handful of the designer's evening gowns.

Another array of dresses pay homage to the Dominican-born designer's time in Spain. □

Can Egypt Pull Together?



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Anyone who has followed Middle East politics knows that this is a region where extremists tend to go all the way and moderates tend to just go away.

But every once in a while - the 1993 Oslo peace negotiations, the 2006 Anbar uprising by Iraqi Sunnis against al-Qaida, the 2005 Cedar Revolution in Lebanon against Syria and Hezbollah - the moderates actually rise up and take a stand. And when they do, America needs to be there to support them. It is the only hope for moving this region - so poisoned by sectarianism and weighed down by a past that always wants to bury the future - onto a more positive path. I'd put last week's popular uprising/military coup against the Muslim Brotherhood-led Egyptian government - and it was a combination of both - in this category. I do not arrive at that conclusion easily. It would have been far more preferable if President Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood's party had been voted out of office in three years. This would have forced the party to confront its own incompetence and popular repudiation. I wish the Egyptian army, which has its own interests, had not been involved. But perfect is not the menu anymore in Egypt. In fact, even food may not be on the menu anymore for the poor. A large number of Egyptians felt that waiting three years could have pushed Egypt over the edge. The country is so short of foreign currency to pay for fuel imports that gas lines and electricity shortages are everywhere. It was clear that Morsi was not focused on governing and appointing the best people for jobs. He was focused on digging himself and his party into power, so, by the time of the next presidential elections, Egypt could have had the worst of all worlds: an invincible government and an insoluble economic and social disaster.

One incident is very revealing of the Brotherhood's priorities. You could not make this up. The best way for Egypt to quickly earn foreign currency to buy food and fuel would be to revive tourism, which accounts for 10 percent of the economy. On June 16, Morsi appointed 17 new governors. In Luxor, the heart of Egypt's tourism industry, he appointed Adel al-Khayyat, a member of the Islamist militant group Gamaa al-Islamiyya, which had claimed responsibility for the massacre of 58 tourists in Luxor in 1997 - precisely to destroy tourism and hurt Hosni Mubarak's government. Gamaa abandoned violence about a decade ago, although it has never repudiated the 1997 attack. Morsi's own minister of tourism resigned in protest at the appointment, and Khayyat eventually quit, too. But it gives you an idea of what was going on. It would be like Chicago appointing a crony of Al Capone

to lead its tourism bureau.

Rather than punishing Egyptians for desperately trying to change course before they go over a cliff, America should use its aid and influence with the army to get the most out of this crisis. That starts by insisting that the Brotherhood leaders be released from jail and that the party and its media be free to contest the next parliamentary elections and have a voice in the constitution-writing process. Anyone who tries to govern Egypt alone will fail: Mubarak, the army, the Muslim Brothers, the liberals. Egypt is in a terrible deep hole, and the only way it can get out is with a national unity government that can make hard decisions and do the required heavy lifting.

Indeed, the big question for Egypt is not only who rules but how anyone can rule? Can a fragile new democracy make progress in the face of such deep economic dislocation and distress? I just returned from Egypt. It is falling apart. A few weeks ago, I sat in a teahouse in Cairo, interviewing Mahmoud Medany, a researcher at Egypt's Agricultural Research Center and one of the country's top environmental experts. Medany, 55, recalled that some 40 years ago, when he was in middle school, "we used to sing this song about how the whole world is talking to the 20 million Egyptians." When Mubarak took over in 1982, "we were 33 or 34 million. Today, we are over 80 million." Also, the steady compacting of soil in the Nile Delta, he added, combined with gradual sea level rise due to global warming, is leading to more and more saltwater intrusion into the Delta. "The Nile is the artery of life, and the Delta is our breadbasket," said Medany, "and if you take that away there is no Egypt." This confluence of population, climate, unemployment, water scarcity and illiteracy may be making Egypt ungovernable - and the job of president impossible - with such a stressed and mobilized population. I hope not, but I do know this: Egypt can't just keep oscillating from a secular/military regime that isolates the Brotherhood and a Brotherhood regime that isolates the other side. Daron Acemoglu is co-author of the book "Why Nations Fail," the simple thesis of which is that nations thrive when they develop "inclusive" political and economic institutions and fail when those institutions become "extractive" and concentrate power and opportunity in the hands of a few. Egypt, with its heavy state, notes Acemoglu, is a classic extractive society. What it needs most is a leader who can combine a spirit of inclusion with a brutal honesty to tell the people they have wasted so many years and really need to start over, by strengthening education, shrinking the state, stimulating entrepreneurship, empowering women and reforming the police and judiciary. There was no chance that Morsi was going to rise to this moment. If new elections and a new constitution can be implemented and a broad national unity government formed - including Islamists - there is still a chance that Egypt can manage all the problems that it can no longer avoid and still avoid the even worse problems that it cannot possibly manage. But it's only a chance. America's job is to nudge all parties toward such a national unity coalition. □



Al-Qaida Rebels Are Gone. Death Isn't.



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TIMBUKTU, Mali - It's time for my annual win-a-trip journey, in which I take a university student with me on a reporting trip to Africa. So I'm here in Timbuktu, the ancient crossroads of the Sahara, with Erin Luhmann, a journalism student from the University of Wisconsin, navigating roadblocks and jittery soldiers in a city that Islamist militants ruled until early this year.

It's still tense, and many Malians fear that militants in an al-Qaida African affiliate could return with their hijacked, extremist distortion of Islam. Al-Qaida extremists antagonized the public by closing schools, banning music, destroying monuments, flogging citizens and arresting women for not fully veiling themselves or going to the market without a male relative.

The mood seems to be: Thank God for France! When the United States and the rest of the world dithered and al-Qaida was poised to capture all of Mali, France dispatched troops and quickly drove the Islamists out into the desert. Left behind was a trove of documents such as one found by The Associated Press in which al-Qaida bosses scolded a commander for lagging in his expense reports. Who knew that even terrorists have to file expenses?

Yet, while Erin and I found the

killing over, the dying continues on a vast scale - from hunger.

Many Malians are always on the edge of starvation, and the fighting and insecurity have pushed some over the brink. We saw an 18-month-old boy, Aljou Aguel, who was so malnourished and deprived of protein that skin had peeled off his legs. It must have been extremely painful, but, like other starving children, he did not cry. A child who is dying of hunger is like a zombie, barely responsive, with a glazed expression. The body saves every bit of energy to keep major organs functioning; not a calorie is to be wasted by crying.

The World Food Program, which is trying to alleviate the shortages, estimates that one child an hour is now dying of malnutrition in Mali - a far higher toll than that lost in the warfare itself. Some 1.4 million Malians are at risk, it says.

In a village outside Timbuktu, Erin and I met a woman named Bintu Dicku who has already lost four of her 10 children and seemed close to losing a fifth. Her youngest, Ghaisha, is 7 months old and suffering from severe malnutrition.

"Every month she loses weight," Bintu Dicku told us, at a gathering to distribute World Food Program rations to families with small children.

"Her only chance is this food distribution."

The hunger is closely linked to politics. Bintu Dicku said that family members used to earn money as day laborers so that they could buy food in the markets. But with the al-Qaida occupation and subsequent insecurity, the economy has collapsed, and there are no jobs or opportunities to make money.

In the past, family members supplemented market-bought food with their own crops or fish that they caught. But now, they say, it is too dangerous to farm or fish, and women are afraid of going out alone for fear of being accused by Islamists of being un-Islamic.

"When you go outside, you might run into armed groups," she said. "The Islamists always have a problem with you not being dressed right, or not having a beard if you're a man. There's always trouble."

And so Ghaisha is starving. While the world closely followed events in Mali when bullets were flying, it has been much less interested in quiet deaths from hunger. The World Food Program has raised only a bit more than half the money it seeks for Mali.

Across a swath of North and West Africa, encompassing countries from Mauritania to Libya, Mali to northern Nigeria, Islamic extremism poses a basic risk to stability.

The poverty and insecurity feed into each other. Because the region is poor and suffers widespread illiteracy, it is ripe for manipulation by Islamic extremists who claim to speak for religion. The lack of government services also creates openings for smuggling and corruption.

Islamic extremists gained a foothold in Timbuktu through cigarette smuggling (even though they banned smoking when they took power), the lucrative kidnapping of Westerners, and narcotics trafficking. One of northern Mali's most remarkable sights is a Boeing 727 marooned in the desert: It was used by narcotics traffickers and, by some accounts, landed for drugs to be off-loaded but then became mired in the sand and couldn't take off again.

Stay alert to the risks of Islamists and groups affiliated with al-Qaida in West Africa and North Africa, but don't overlook the twinned humanitarian challenges. Bombs and machine guns draw television cameras, but the most lethal and immediate threat to children here is now simple, excruciating hunger.

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For Gettysburg, a battle of history vs. modernity

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GETTYSBURG, Pa. - Like thousands of other re-enactors, Eric Mueller honors the sacrifices of soldiers in the Civil War by going to great lengths to live as they did - sleeping beneath a canvas sheet suspended on wooden posts, eating hardtack and salt pork, carrying 60 rounds of ammunition in a cartridge box and a backpack, and marching long distances in heavy woolen tunics. But in the interests of safety and perhaps a little comfort, Mueller, 40, allows modest divergences from the 19th-century soldier's life.

Last week, for example, Mueller packed in his knapsack two sweet potatoes and two small onions, foods that he conceded may not have been in season in southern Pennsylvania in the summer of 1863, and so would not have been available to Civil War troops even if they had tried to forage them from nearby farms.

Still, he subjected himself to discomforts like not washing for a week and squeezing his 6-foot frame into a 5-foot-8-inch-long tent that he shared with another re-enactor. Mueller, a civil servant from Hawaii, said he stayed "reasonably dry" during four nights of camping out on Cemetery Ridge in the heart of the Gettysburg battlefield.

Minute attention to detail is a source of pride, and sometimes controversy, among Civil War re-enactors, at least 10,000 of whom gathered in Gettysburg from the Fourth of July through Sunday to mark 150 years since Union troops won the decisive battle that turned the war in the North's favor.

Some re-enactors - known as "hardcores" or "campaigners" - eschew any trace of modernity in their quest for authenticity. Others - often known as "mainstreamers" - participate in re-enactments as a hobby and sometimes feel shunned for a lack of commitment to historical precision.



Participants play the role of Confederate soldiers during a re-enactment of Pickett's Charge for the Battle of Gettysburg's 150th anniversary in Gettysburg, Pa., July 4, 2013.

(Mark Makela/The New York Times)

"There are some hardcores that really look down on mainstream re-enactors," said Jennifer Haines, 65, a retired nurse who played the role of major in the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. "They don't feel that we are presenting history as it should be." Some hardcores believe it is not appropriate for women and children to participate in recreations of 19th-century Army life because

they were not part of the real thing. "Having women and children in the Army would not be accurate," said Doug Dobbs, a high school history teacher from Hagerstown, Md.

Haines had come to Gettysburg with her daughter and son-in-law and three granddaughters, all of whom have their historical functions, she said from outside her tent.

For Dobbs, 59, being faithful to the cause meant spending a week marching 120 miles from Chantilly, Va., to Gettysburg, arriving at the battlefield at 4 p.m. on July 2, as the 15th New Jersey Company E did exactly 150 years earlier.

He and three companions, all dressed in the heavy wool coats and breeches of the Union Army, marched 37 miles on the final day of their trip, emulating their forebears, including Dobbs' great-great-grandfather James Dow, a private in the company.

Despite his loyalty to the past, even Dobbs made concessions to modernity during the grueling march by accepting offers of pizza and by walking on roads that did not exist in 1863. And he said that period clothing did not help in the summer heat. "It would have been easier in shorts and a T-shirt," he said.

Dobbs said that his zeal

has led other re-enactors to brand him a "hardcore" but that he dislikes the term because it suggests he looks down on those who take a less rigorous approach.

Adam Lipke, 37, a re-enactor who shared a tent with Mueller, wore a blue shirt that he had made himself in the style of the 1860s, but he said that he had chosen to save time by using a sewing machine to stitch, a technique that he said would be rejected by more zealous re-enactors. Still, Lipke, a city worker in Honolulu, said he had spent about \$120 on a replica soldier's hat, complete with hand stitching and a re-creation of the original label. "This is the most authentic piece I have," he said.

Walter Hilderman III, 64, a retired police officer from Eutawville, S.C., acknowledged some tension between re-enactment groups, but said there was room in the movement for all persuasions.

Hilderman, who has been attending re-enactment events for 50 years, including the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, said he has no plans to stop.

"We are all historians," he said. "We love this and we are going to keep doing it as long as we can walk in a straight line." □



Participants play the role of Union troops during a battle of the wheat field re-enactment for the Battle of Gettysburg's 150th anniversary in Gettysburg, Pa., July 5, 2013. Some re-enactors, known as "hardcores," eschew any trace of modernity in their quest for authenticity, while others participate in re-enactments as an enjoyable hobby and sometimes feel shunned for a lack of commitment to historical precision.

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